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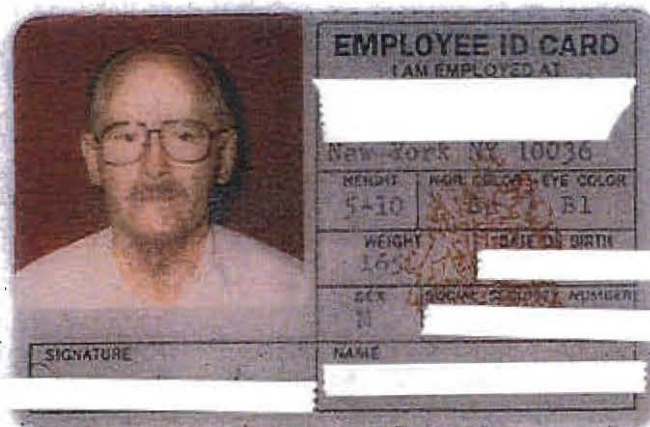
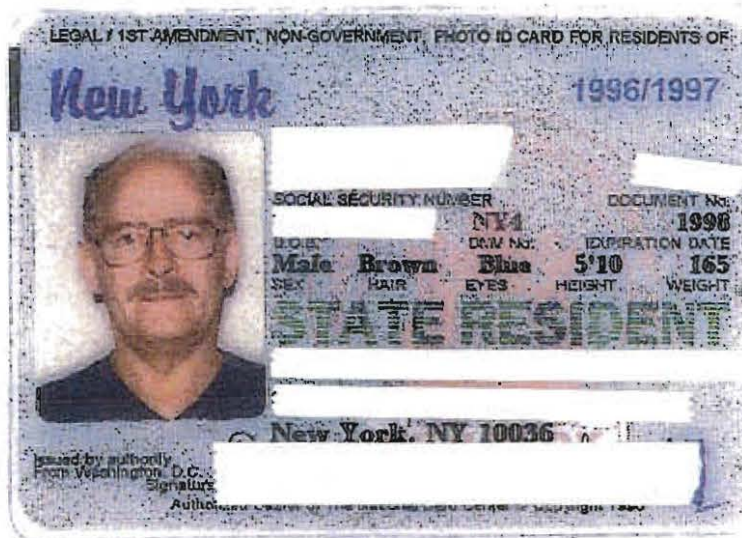
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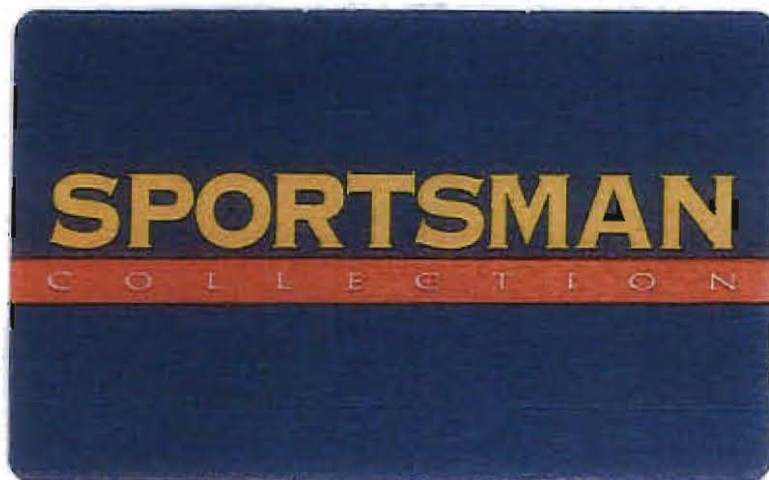
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☐ A. Withdrawn and said box is hereby surrendered. Bank is released from all liability.

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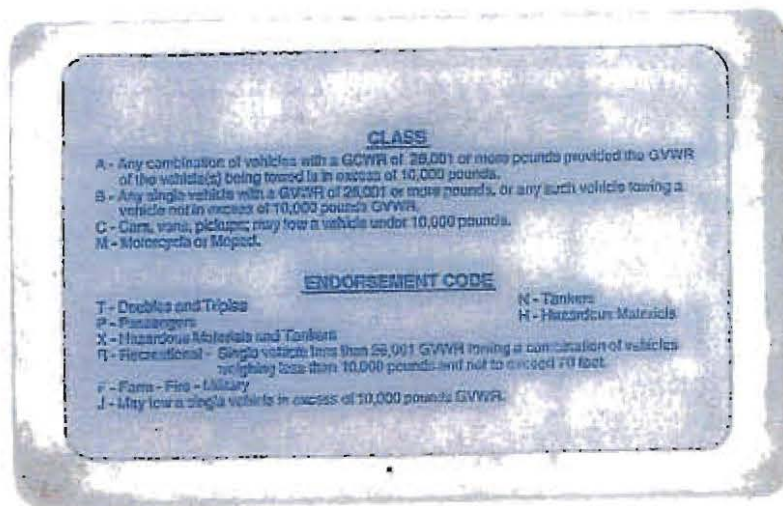
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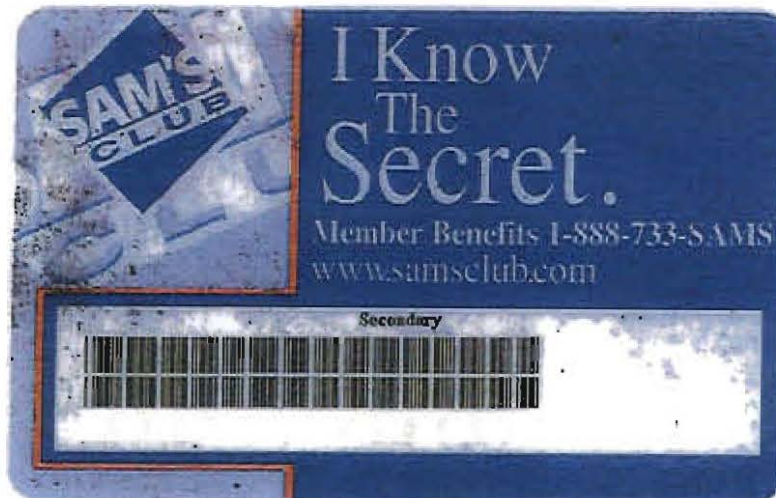



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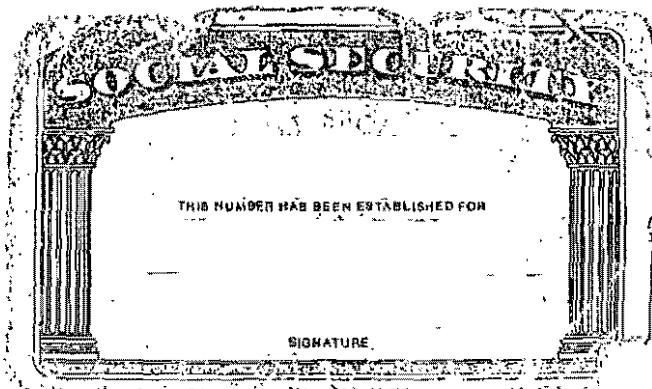


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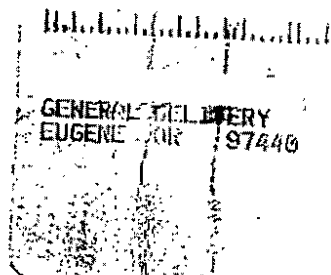
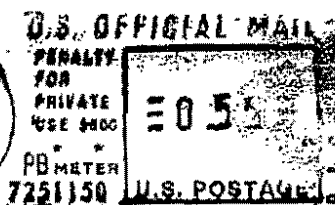


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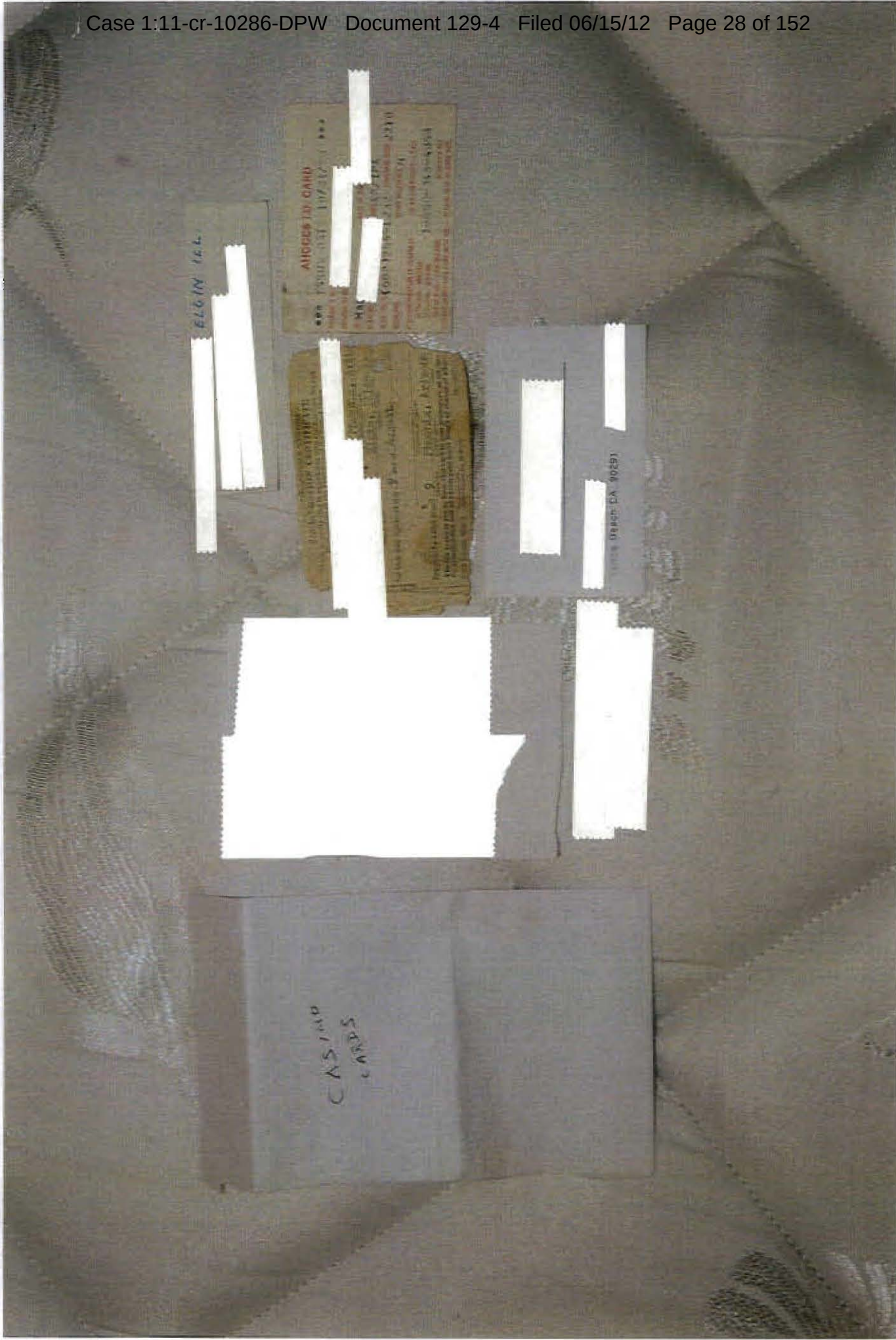


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The Boston Globe

January 6, 1995, Friday, City Edition

SECTION: METRO/REGION; Pg. 1

LENGTH: 854 words

HEADLINE: Mob targeted; Bulger and Salemme sought;
Confidante Flemmi is arrested in extortion case

BYLINE: By Shelley Murphy, Globe Staff

BODY:

More than a decade after federal authorities decimated the hierarchy of the New England Mafia, officials last night were poised to take out those in the Irish and Italian underworld who have filled the void.

James J. (Whitey) Bulger Jr., who has eluded law enforcement for years while allegedly maintaining a stranglehold on illegal rackets from South Boston to Cape Cod, faces federal extortion charges and was being sought last night, sources said.

Reputed New England Mafia boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme, 60, who allegedly assumed control of the remnants of the family in 1991 after his two predecessors were convicted of racketeering, was also being sought last night on federal charges, according to sources.

Another alleged underworld figure, Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi, 60, who is a trusted confidante and associate of both Bulger and Salemme, was arrested last night on federal extortion charges.

"These charges will break the back of the underworld," said one law enforcement official, who requested anonymity.

The three men are among the most enduring and chronicled major underworld figures remaining in New England, after a decade in which the region's leading Mafiosi have been decimated by federal indictments and lengthy prison terms.

The charges mark the end of a long-running lucky streak for Bulger, 65, of South Boston, who won the state lottery in 1991 and has eluded all criminal charges over the past three decades, despite repeated efforts by law enforcement to expose his alleged illegal activities.

The federal charges culminate a lengthy investigation by the State Police Special Services organized crime unit and the FBI into allegations of murder, extortion, bookmaking, illegal gambling and other racketeering activities.

Sources said federal prosecutors are poised to seek racketeering indictments from a federal grand jury against the trio and a number of underlings.

But fearing a leak about the indictment might cause the men to flee the country prompted federal officials to first seek criminal complaints, which require only approval from a magistrate judge.

Investigators became anxious last night as news of Flemmi's arrest spread and Bulger and Salemme, 61, remained at large.

Mob targeted; Bulger and Salemme sought; Confidante Flemmi is arrested in extortion case The Boston Globe January 6, 1995, Friday, City Edition

Sources said investigators had planned to arrest all three men simultaneously, but feared Flemmi was going to flee and arrested him when he was spotted at a closed, downtown restaurant.

Flemmi, 60, was arrested when he arrived at Schooner's, a High Street restaurant on the outskirts of Faneuil Hall Marketplace that is undergoing renovations.

Flemmi was whisked into the FBI headquarters at One Center Plaza for booking and fingerprinting. The charges against him will be unsealed today when he is brought before a federal magistrate judge.

Flemmi has allegedly kept Bulger insulated by representing him on the street, shaking down bookmakers and collecting tribute, according to sources.

But the crack that could rip Bulger's organization wide open came when two high-level bookmakers turned informants. Burton (Chico) Krantz and Jimmy Katz have admitted giving a share of their illegal gambling profits to Flemmi. They believed the gambling profits were destined for Bulger, according to sources and court testimony.

The bookmakers, now in the Federal Witness Protection Program, have also implicated Salemme and contend that every bookie in the city is forced to pay "rent" to the Italian or Irish mob.

Krantz, 57, formerly of Newton, has detailed "rent" payments routinely paid by independent bookmakers from throughout Greater Boston to Salemme, Bulger and Flemmi, sources said.

Krantz has alleged he personally delivered a portion of his illegal gambling profits to Flemmi on several occasions, sources said.

Reputed bookmaker George Kaufman was identified by Krantz as a middleman, who collects rents from other bookmakers for Salemme.

In March 1991, Krantz was indicted and 10 other people in Middlesex Superior Court on charges of running a gambling ring that grossed more than \$ 1 million a week.

Faced with the prospect of a lengthy prison term, Krantz, who has lymphocytic leukemia, turned State Police informant.

Bulger's knack for discovering law enforcement bugs in his cars and apartments and his uncanny knack for evading surveillance has frustrated State Police, Boston police and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration.

Some state and law enforcement officers who have dogged Bulger unsuccessfully for years allege he's been protected by the FBI while serving as an informant for it.

Bulger, a convicted bank robber and brother of Senate President William Bulger, has been linked to the mob in the past, according to FBI tapes played at the 1985-86 racketeering trial of then Boston mob boss Gennaro (Jerry) Angiulo.

In a 1981 conversation played at the trial, Angiulo's top lieutenant, Ilario Zannino, boasted that Bulger and Flemmi were "with us."

"These are nice people," Zannino said. "These are the kind of (expletive) people who straighten a thing out. If I called these guys right now, they'd kill anybody we tell 'em to."

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SECTION: METRO/REGION; Pg. 10

LENGTH: 371 words

HEADLINE: Arrest, charges come after years of State Police, FBI probes

BYLINE: By Matthew Brelis, Globe Staff

BODY:

The arrest last night of Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi and sealed federal criminal complaints against reputed New England Mafia boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme and James J. (Whitey) Bulger mark the culmination of multiple investigations stretching back several years.

State Police Special Service Section investigators struck paydirt in 1992 when they persuaded indicted bookmaker Burton (Chico) Krantz to become an informant against the highest echelons of organized crime in the region.

Krantz, the king of local bookmakers, was indicted in March 1991 in Middlesex Superior Court and charged along with 10 other people for heading a bookmaking operation that brought in as much as \$ 1 million a week.

By 1992, the FBI was investigating Bulger's alleged IRA activities out of the anti-terrorist unit.

Last June, State Police Sgt. Thomas J. Foley, who heads the special services unit, testified in US District Court that Krantz provided damaging evidence against Salemme and Flemmi and that Flemmi had been notified that his voice was captured on government wiretaps.

Foley testified that Krantz initially became an informant in 1991, but when investigators heard him on a wiretap targeting Joseph Yerardi, an alleged bookmaker, the informant relationship fell apart because Krantz was allegedly still committing crimes.

When investigators learned that Krantz was the target of a separate money-laundering investigation in 1992, he agreed to cooperate and join the witness protection program when he was shown a draft of the indictment.

Sources have said that Krantz, who has leukemia, agreed to cooperate because the government was prepared to indict his wife, Jacqueline, on money laundering charges.

Sources said Krantz told authorities he paid "rent" or protection money directly to Flemmi and that other bookmakers paid "rent" to Bulger, Flemmi or Salemme.

According to evidence introduced at the money-laundering trial of Michael London, the owner of Heller's and so-called "banker to the bookies," Yerardi also cashed checks at Heller's.

Yerardi was indicted in 1993 and arrested last April in Florida while using an assumed name. He was returned to Massachusetts and is awaiting trial.

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SECTION: METRO/REGION; Pg. 11

LENGTH: 714 words

HEADLINE: Three Reputed mobsters have longstanding ties to each other

BYLINE: By Richard Chacon, Globe Staff

BODY:

For years, their relationship has been more like the perfect marriage. The leaders of the area's most powerful Italian and Irish organized crime operations respected each other's turf and managed to combine their powers when necessary.

But most of all, they tried to elude the law at every turn.

On the one side, there is Francis (Cadillac Frank) Salemme, a reputed New England Mafia boss whose base stretches from the North End to the southern suburb of Sharon, where he lives.

On the other side, it's been James (Whitey) Bulger, "the man who owns South Boston," as an official once put it.

The bridge connecting the two worlds has been Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi, with impenetrable, decades-old ties to both sides.

Francis (Cadillac Frank) Salemme

As the apparent boss of New England Mafia, Salemme, 61, sits atop the region's Italian underworld.

He started decades ago as a mere soldier in the family.

He became prominent with the January 1968 bombing of attorney John Fitzgerald. At the time, Fitzgerald was representing a mob hit man who had become a government informant.

Salemme was convicted of planting the bomb in Fitzgerald's car that blew off part of the attorney's leg. After spending years on the lam, Salemme was apprehended in New York City in 1973 and sent to prison, where he spent 15 years.

Soon after his release, Salemme made a power grab for the top spot, a post that had been held for years by Gennaro (Jerry) Angiulo until he was convicted of federal racketeering charges in 1986. Angiulo was sentenced to serve 45 years.

In June 1989, Salemme was shot and wounded outside a pancake restaurant in Saugus in an attack by four masked gunmen. FBI officials believed the hit was ordered by three renegade mobsters who resented Salemme.

Most recently, Salemme has been trying to deflect threats on two fronts. From within the mob, Salemme has faced threats to his reign by younger members, including, officials believe, Paul Strazzulla, a 25-year-old who was shot and burned to death in a rented car last month in Revere.

Three Reputed mobsters have longstanding ties to each other The Boston Globe January 6, 1995, Friday, City Edition

James (Whitey) Bulger

Born and raised in South Boston, Bulger, 65, is as legendary for the power he wields as for his ability to avoid getting caught.

While serving in the Army at Fort Banks in Winthrop in 1947, Bulger was accused of committing unarmed robbery. After being transferred to a base in Oklahoma, he went AWOL. In 1951, he served a brief time in a county jail in Montana after being accused of rape, but he was not convicted.

It wasn't until five years later, after being convicted of bank robbery, that Bulger saw hard time. Still, sentenced to 40 years in prison, but served only a fraction of that.

For years, Bulger managed to build a drug-trafficking and racketeering empire based in South Boston, authorities said, using countless underlings to carry out riskier tasks. In 1986, a presidential commission labeled him "a reputed killer, bank robber and drug trafficker."

But Bulger, the brother of Senate President William Bulger, has managed to escape arrest or conviction. In 1984, when it was alleged that he sent a fishing trawler carrying 7 tons of weapons to soldiers in the Irish Republican Army, five of Bulger's associates were charged with the crime, but Bulger never was.

Some local and state law enforcement officials have said that Bulger has been insulated from arrest by the FBI by serving as an informant for the agency.

Others, though, call him lucky. In 1991, Bulger won a share of a \$ 14.3 Mass Millions lottery jackpot. The win guaranteed him an income of \$ 89,000 a year.

Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi

Like Salemme, Flemmi, 60, grew up on the streets of Roxbury. As an Army paratrooper during the Korean War, Flemmi showed uncanny marksmanship, which earned him his nickname.

In the 1960s, Flemmi earned a reputation among local crime bosses as a cold-blooded operative. In 1968, he was charged with Salemme in the Fitzgerald bombing, but was not convicted. They rekindled the friendship when Salemme was released in the late 1980s.

More than a decade earlier, Flemmi's ties to Bulger had been solidified through their work in the Winter Hill Gang in Somerville. Unlike either Bulger or Salemme, however, Flemmi has never served prison time.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, 1. JAMES BULGER 2. FRANK SALEMME

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HEADLINE: Police hunt reputed crime bosses;
Federal indictment due on racketeering charges;
Kevin Cullen and Judy Rakowsky of the Globe staff contributed to this report.

BYLINE: By Shelley Murphy, Globe Staff

BODY:

Boston's two most prominent gangland figures remained at large last night on extortion charges, but sources said authorities were poised to hit them next week with a sweeping federal indictment accusing them of crimes, including murder, spanning several decades.

A day after arresting Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi, State Police and federal agents continued to search yesterday for alleged South Boston crime boss James J. (Whitey) Bulger and reputed New England Mafia boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme.

The indictment will charge Bulger, Salemme and Flemmi with racketeering, building a case on crimes dating to the 1960s when they were members of Somerville's notorious Winter Hill gang, sources said.

According to a State Police affidavit filed in court, on several occasions Bulger boasted of his "personal participation in acts of violence."

A predawn raid at the South Boston home of Bulger's longtime companion, Theresa Stanley, failed to net the elusive Bulger. But, investigators returned later in the morning with a warrant and seized bags of items from the Silver Street home.

Investigators also searched in vain for Salemme at 11:30 p.m. Thursday at the home of his girlfriend, Donna Wolfe, on Erin Road in Stoughton.

Law enforcement sources said yesterday that they suspect Bulger and Salemme are still in the area. Bulger was spotted in Quincy within the past week.

Sources said that investigators assigned to Salemme last saw him Wednesday around Boston's waterfront.

A federal charge against Salemme, 60, of Sharon and Stoughton, remained sealed yesterday, but sources said it involved extortion.

Another federal complaint was unsealed yesterday charging Bulger, 65, and Flemmi, 60, both of South Boston, and George Kaufman, of Brookline, with extorting monthly payoffs from a Newton bookmaker for 13 years.

The bookmaker-turned-informant, Burton (Chico) Krantz, told State Police that Bulger threatened to kill him in the late 1970s unless he paid an \$ 86,000 debt to another bookmaker associated with the Winter Hill gang, according to an affidavit.

Police hunt reputed crime bosses; Federal indictment due on racketeering charges; Kevin Cullen and Judy Rakowsky of the Globe staff contributed to this report. The Boston Globe January 7, 1995, Saturday

In 1979, Bulger and other gang members warned independent bookmakers that they had to pay "rent" to the Winter Hill gang every month to stay in business, according to an affidavit by State Trooper John Tutungian.

"Bulger personally related this policy to Krantz and told Krantz that he would thereafter have to make monthly 'rent' payments," according to Tutungian's affidavit.

Krantz told investigators he began paying Flemmi \$ 750 a month in 1979, and by the mid-1980s Bulger was demanding monthly payments of \$ 3,000, Tutungian wrote.

When Krantz became embroiled in a dispute with another bookmaker in 1980, Bulger and Flemmi demanded a meeting at a Cambridge restaurant to resolve the problem. Krantz was then forced to pay Bulger \$ 5,000 for his mediation services, according to the affidavit.

Krantz delivered the \$ 5,000 payoff to Bulger at the Lancaster Street Garage in Boston's West End, which was operated by Kaufman, the affidavit says. The garage was the target of a State Police bug in 1980, but charges were never brought and investigators later said they believed the mobsters were tipped to their investigation.

While Krantz was making his monthly payoffs, on several occasions Bulger boasted of his "personal participation in acts of violence," according to Tutungian's affidavit.

"Krantz believes that Bulger did so in order to terrorize Krantz and to ensure that Krantz would continue to make his 'rent' payments," Tutungian wrote.

In the mid-1980s, Flemmi complained of "heat" from law enforcement and, in an effort to insulate himself, ordered Krantz to deliver his monthly payments to Kaufman, a close associate of Bulger and Flemmi, the affidavit says.

After a series of gambling losses around 1985, Krantz asked Kaufman to speak to Bulger about reducing his \$ 3,000 monthly payoffs. But, Kaufman reported back that Bulger was unwilling to settle for less, according to the affidavit.

Even after his indictment in Middlesex County in 1991 on charges of running a major gambling ring that funneled money to the Mob, Krantz allegedly continued his monthly payoffs to Kaufman for another year.

The State Police Special Services organized crime unit, the FBI, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service have targeted the underworld for years.

State Police and federal agents had planned to arrest Bulger, Flemmi and Salemme simultaneously, but feared the reputed mobsters were planning to flee and decided to arrest Flemmi when he surfaced at a closed Boston restaurant Thursday night, sources said.

Flemmi was arrested at about 6:30 p.m. by Tutungian, State Police Sgt. Thomas B. Duffy, and DEA Special Agent Daniel Doherty at Schooner's, a Broad Street restaurant being renovated that is owned by Salemme's son and another man.

Dressed casually in jeans, a jersey and black Reeboks, Flemmi appeared yesterday before US Magistrate Judge Lawrence Cohen, who ordered him held without bail pending a detention hearing Tuesday.

Assistant US Attorneys Fred M. Wyshak Jr., Brian T. Kelly, and James D. Herbert, of the Strike Force, had argued that Flemmi is likely to flee and poses a risk to the community if released.

Prosecutors also revealed in court that investigators conducted electronic surveillance during the investigation of Flemmi, Bulger and others.

Flemmi, a trim, fit man who looks younger than his 60 years, served with the 187th Airborne Regimental Combat Team in the Korean War. He told the judge that he has been unemployed since he was injured in an automobile accident and collects workman's compensation.

Flemmi left the courtroom without comment. Attorney MaryEllen Kelleher, who represented Flemmi at the bail hearing, declined to comment.

Officials said arrangements have been made for Kaufman, who is in ill health, to surrender to the charges next week.

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The charges culminate a lengthy investigation by the State Police, the FBI, US Attorney Donald K. Stern's office, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service.

In a related case, reputed mob soldier Robert P. DeLuca was arrested in Rhode Island Thursday night and brought into federal court in Boston yesterday to face an indictment charging him with traveling across state lines to engage in racketeering.

The indictment alleges that DeLuca, 49, of Lincoln, R.I., promoted the Mafia's illegal activities when he traveled to Medford on Oct. 29, 1989, to be baptized into the family.

DeLuca was one of four men who pricked their trigger fingers, burned holy cards and swore to kill for the Mafia in an ill-fated FBI-bugged ceremony that exposed the family's secret rules and rites to law enforcement.

Anthony M. Cardinale, a lawyer who represents DeLuca, accused the government of abusing the grand jury process by indicting DeLuca in October - just four days before the statute of limitations ran out - then keeping the charges sealed for nearly three months.

"It's a nonsensical indictment," Cardinale said. "It was something that was in their pocket to be used whenever they wanted to pick DeLuca up."

DeLuca was also ordered held without bail by Cohen, pending a detention hearing Tuesday.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, 1. Tooper Brian Dunn leads alleged racketeer Stephen Flemmi from the State Police Barracks in Framingham to a waiting vehicle. / GLOBE PHOTO / CHRISTOPHER FITZGERALD 2. Frank Salemme (right), who will be charged with racketeering in a federal indictment, shown near Castle Island in South Boston in a photo taken around 1990. / GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/JOHN TLUMACKI 3. BURTON KRANTZ / Informant in case

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HEADLINE: As Whitey goes, so goes the legend

BYLINE: By Kevin Cullen, Globe Staff

BODY:

At lunchtime yesterday, a guy with a day's growth of beard and an early thirst pulled up a stool at the bar in Sullivan's on Dorchester Street in Southie.

"They get him yet?" he asked the man sitting on the next stool, a total stranger. There was no need to explain who the "him" was. It was Whitey.

"Nah," the stranger replied. "Not yet. He's still out there."

The guy smiled, nodded and ordered a Budweiser.

James J. Bulger - Jimmy to those who know him well, Whitey to the rest of the world, a criminal to those who have tried to infiltrate his tight circle, a folk hero to those like the guy at Sullivan's - remained at large yesterday, facing a criminal charge for the first time in 39 years.

The most elusive of Boston's reputed gangland figures remained on the loose, befitting his legend and his uncanny ability to insulate himself while getting various law enforcement agencies to fight with one another in their pursuit, or protection, of him.

Yesterday, sources close to the case against Bulger suggested the South Boston native had somehow learned of the impending indictment against him and several other reputed mobsters, including his longtime associate, Stephen (the Rifleman) Flemmi, and the reputed New England Mafia boss, Francis (Cadillac Frank) Salemme. Flemmi was taken into custody Thursday night, but Salemme, like Bulger, eluded authorities.

Those sources also suggested that authorities believe Bulger and Salemme are still in the area, and contended that when the indictment naming Bulger is unsealed next week, his Robin Hood image in South Boston will be severely diminished.

Over the last three decades, every major organized crime figure in Boston, including Salemme, has had his day of reckoning in court. Every one, that is, except Whitey Bulger and his righthand man, Stevie Flemmi.

Unlike the Mafioso who bragged their way into prison cells by fondly recalling past murders and shakedowns within earshot of FBI bugs, Bulger and Flemmi were said to be circumspect, obsessed with avoiding electronic surveillance. Law enforcement agents who tracked them said they talked business with associates only in open areas, such as during Bulger's frequent jaunts around Castle Island.

Salemme began to imitate them. Shirking the ways of his predecessors, who peopled the cafes and the gambling clubs of the North End, Salemme began doing business in the open air on the fishing pier at Castle Island. It was there in 1991 that he met his righthand man in Rhode Island, Robert DeLuca, who was charged yesterday in an ancillary part

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of the investigation. Sources say Salemme was not nearly circumspect enough, however. The FBI is said to have recorded his meetings in other places.

The charges yesterday, and more substantive ones that sources say will follow next week, are the result of an extraordinary partnership of the Massachusetts State Police and the FBI, a tandem made all the more impressive given the level of mistrust between the two law enforcement agencies.

Throughout the mid-1980s, Bulger, as the Globe Spotlight Team reported in 1988, managed to keep the FBI off his tail by cooperating with them. Under federal regulations, the FBI could not "work a case" against Bulger as long as he was an informant for them.

Several State Police investigations aimed at Bulger, including the 1980 bugging of a garage near North Station that Bulger and Flemmi used as a meeting spot, ended in failure after Bulger learned of them. That garage, on Lancaster Street, was operated by George Kaufman, a reputed bookmaker and middleman who collects "rents" from bookies for Bulger and Flemmi, and who was charged yesterday with extorting money from bookie Burton (Chico) Krantz, who has emerged as the key witness in the case.

In February 1991, State Police from the Special Services Unit and the office of Middlesex District Attorney Thomas Reilly began investigating an illegal gambling ring that focused on Krantz and other reputed gangland figures. Later that year, Reilly, Col. Charles Henderson, the head of the State Police; and Sgt. Thomas Foley, who heads the Special Services Unit, met in a restaurant and charted the future.

"We went as far as we could go with state laws," Reilly recalled yesterday. "But our hands were tied by state statutes. We don't have a racketeering law, we can't employ electronic surveillance as easily, we don't have a witness protection program."

But the US government does, and the trio agreed that federal authorities could make their case even better, especially by convincing reputed bookies like Krantz and Jimmy Katz that they would be well taken care of if they testified against their erstwhile friends.

Working with the State Police, who had persuaded Krantz and Katz to become witnesses in order to avoid state charges, the FBI and the US Drug Enforcement Administration painstakingly built a case against not only Bulger, Flemmi and the remnants of the Somerville-based Winter Hill Gang, but also Salemme and the Mafia.

"The feds did a great job," said Reilly.

It could be this case will end, once and for all, the bad blood between the state and local law enforcement community and the FBI, whose commitment to going after Bulger had been questioned locally for more than two decades.

That is, if Bulger does not remain at large.

Yesterday, those who considered the compromised undercover operation at Lancaster Street their greatest professional frustration took some consolation in the fact that their work will be the key piece of evidence in corroborating Krantz's testimony.

Robert Long was the State Police detective in charge of the Lancaster Street operation, and former Suffolk Assistant District Attorney Timothy Burke did the legal work to get the electronic surveillance that was ultimately leaked to Bulger by others. For 15 years they have cursed whoever it was that tipped off Bulger. Yesterday, they were hoping that maybe, just maybe, they'd have the last laugh.

"It's a great day for law enforcement," said Long, now a private investigator with LCF Associates in Braintree. "But Bulger's still out there. I won't feel really good until I see Whitey Bulger standing in a courtroom, in handcuffs."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, Whitey Bulger walks along Castle Island in a 1994 file photo. GLOBE STAFF PHOTO/JOHN TLUMACKI

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HEADLINE: Mob is dancing to Chico's song;
MIKE BARNICLE

BYLINE: By Mike Barnicle, Globe Staff

BODY:

He could never help himself. Part of him always wanted to be famous and awash in a glare of publicity. He was big as a hippopotamus and, in his hand, a bagel looked like a raisin and he would bet you on what elevator arrived first but now, Chico Krantz, 57-year-old sportsman, is on the verge of absolutely ruining what legitimate crime business is left around town.

Once, he was perhaps the biggest and best bookmaker on the whole East Coast. He was an amiable layoff man who could handle huge action - \$ 100,000 bets were no problem - before he ran into a slight losing streak and soon was down to one pair of handcuffs and the Witness Protection Program, where he was greatly encouraged to do what he does best: talk.

This week, all of Chico's skill with language resulted in the arrest Thursday night of Stevie Flemmi, as well as federal warrants issued for Jimmy Bulger and Frank Salemme. Flemmi, 60, and Bulger, 65, have been partnered-up for decades in local rackets while Salemme, also 60, is currently supposed to be top guy in the New England Mafia, which, due to the havoc drugs have done to the crime industry, is like having the monopoly on Lava hand soap when washing machines were invented.

The charges will begin with extortion, and by the time things get rolling in a federal courtroom, probably will end with items like racketeering and murder. Flemmi, of course, is already in custody, while both Bulger and Salemme remain unavailable for either comment or arrest.

The case against them is not a light one. Thus, things appear grim for all three and when the tapes have been played and the testimony of their old partner is concluded, there is a chance the men could be imprisoned forever.

But all Chico was ever about was money and the only thing he ever killed was a corned beef sandwich at the B&D Deli in Brookline. He was a bookmaker who didn't want to go to jail and sure didn't want to die, so he ended up offering his huge insight and personal recollection of things most criminal to the Justice Department.

Once, years ago, a wonderful fellow named Gordon Manning who used to run NBC News was casting about for a bookie willing to appear on television in a piece being done about the huge amounts people bet on the Super Bowl. I recommended Chico to Manning and he immediately hopped on the shuttle with a camera crew.

"This is national TV, right?" Chico Krantz asked. "Everybody in the whole country will see me, right?"

"That's correct," Manning told him, thinking Chico was wary of such media attention.

"Beautiful," Chico told him.

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"We'll want you to wear a wireless microphone and we'll follow you with a camera crew. Is that OK?" Manning wanted to know.

"I've been asked to do this before, you know," Chico informed Gordon Manning.

"Be on TV?" Manning replied.

"No. Wear a wire," Chico said.

One day, Chico was pulled over and arrested by cops in Kenmore Square. They hauled him right out of his car and left the vehicle at the side of the road in order to whisk Krantz to court. There, before a judge, Chico complained that the police had parked his car in a handicap zone and their action resulted in his getting a \$ 50 ticket.

"I think the commonwealth should reimburse me," Chico Krantz told the judge. "I would never use a handicap space."

In December 1985, Chico and his brother-in-law, Irving Rothstein, were in Superior Court to deny that their wallets were bigger than banks. Across the hall, two felons - Billy and Willy Ashley - were on trial for a parade of mayhem involving assault and battery, robbery, and using guns, baseball bats, fists and feet to beat people senseless. During a break in his own difficulties, Chico strode across the hall to sit and listen to testimony in the case against Billy and Willy.

Stunned, he said: "That's awful. What is wrong with our system that men like that are allowed on the street? No wonder I don't feel safe."

Well, he's safe this morning, tucked away someplace with a new identity provided by the federal government. Unfortunately for him, Chico has cancer and is supposed to be dying, but if he was not being protected by the FBI he wouldn't have to worry about the cancer because his new career would kill him first.

In exchange for temporary safety, his job is to give up Flemmi, Bulger and Salemme on charges the three allowed Chico to conduct his business only in exchange for huge monthly payments. And, as Chico Krantz was always able to count as well as observe his surroundings, his testimony promises to be riveting.

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HEADLINE: Mob hits linked to regime's faults;
Specialists cite lack of discipline;
Shelley Murphy of the Globe staff contributed to this report.

BYLINE: By Michael Grunwald, Globe Staff

BODY:

Reputed crime boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme's tenuous hold on the New England Mafia has contributed to a rash of mob-related violence, and his ongoing flight from justice could spawn further chaos in a once-disciplined organization, law-enforcement officials and specialists warned yesterday.

Since ascending to power in 1991 after a flurry of federal racketeering convictions decimated the leadership of the Patriarca crime family, Salemme has failed to establish firm control of the local Italian mob, officials said. The result has been a spate of unsanctioned killings made possible by Salemme's inability to command loyalty or obedience from his underlings.

"There's been a definite increase in the violence, and it's a direct result of the instability at the top," said Middlesex County District Attorney Thomas Reilly. "I'd expect to see a lot more of it until someone emerges to calm things down."

Salemme, 61, remained at large last night, as did alleged South Boston crime boss James J. (Whitey) Bulger, 65. A sweeping federal indictment is expected today, charging them and Stephen J. (The Rifleman) Flemmi, 60, who was arrested Thursday night, with crimes including racketeering, extortion, drug trafficking and murder.

Unlike Raymond L.S. Patriarca, whose leadership was rarely challenged before his death in 1984, Salemme has had to contend with several high-ranking enemies attacking him from within his organization, and he has failed to discourage low-level Mafiosi and associates from pursuing private vendettas, sources said. The result has been a string of gangland murders, most recently the apparent, execution-style slaying of a still-unidentified man Friday night in East Boston.

Police yesterday declined to call the case mob-related, but sources said the circumstances - the victim was found in the back seat of a Chevrolet on Orleans Street, shot through the back of the head at close range - clearly indicated a Mafia hit.

Last month, a Revere man with strong ties to a Salemme rival was fatally shot and left in a burned-out rental car. In October, a fringe player in local organized crime was shot to death in an East Boston parking lot, allegedly to prevent him from carrying out a contract murder. That followed two alleged mob hits in Everett the previous month. And in April, two alleged Salemme enforcers were shot while sitting in a parked car outside an East Boston restaurant, the same day a mobster killed two Salemme associates in a Cranston, R.I., bar.

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"Salemme has never been able to clamp a lid on things," one law-enforcement source said. "Patriarca used to make people toe the line, but now there are up-and-comers with no discipline whatsoever . . . Now that Salemme's on the run, things will probably get even worse."

Salemme, who survived a botched assassination attempt outside a Saugus pancake house in 1989, allegedly became boss after the 1991 racketeering conviction of the late godfather Nicholas Bianco. Sources said Salemme's unorthodox rise to power, only three years after his induction as a Mafia soldier, never allowed him to build a large base of loyalists by working through the traditional hierarchy.

"Compared to his predecessors, he never had much discipline in his organization, and that explains a lot of the killings," said Edith Flynn, a Northeastern University professor who specializes in organized crime. "There was always a power vacuum there, and now that will intensify."

Reilly said he was worried that Salemme's disappearance could spark a violent struggle to replace him. He said the existence of a boss often reduces mob-related bloodshed, but that law enforcement officials had a duty to pursue organized-crime figures.

"These people wreak havoc on society, and it's great to bring them to justice," Reilly said. "Sure, to the extent that they increase instability in the power structure, the charges may bring about more violence. But all in all, it's a plus."

But on the streets of East Boston yesterday, no one was pleased by the prospect of more bloodshed, even those who welcomed the federal pursuit of the fugitive gangsters.

Alice Joneck, 75, waited for a bus across the street from the parking lot where Joseph Souza, 35, was gunned down three months ago. At the edge of the lot, bullet holes in a three-decker's aluminum siding commemorated the gangland slaying.

"I've lived here all my life, and it's never been so bad," Joneck said. "I hope they arrest those men, and I hope it helps. But there's always someone to take their place."

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HEADLINE: Senate president mum on fugitive brother

BYLINE: By Frank Phillips and Scot Lehigh, Globe Staff

BODY:

In the underworld, South Boston's most powerful mobster, James J. (Whitey) Bulger, spent yesterday on the lam, dodging the law.

At the State House, Southie's most powerful politician, Senate President William M. Bulger, spent his day on the defensive, ducking the press.

The federal indictment against the Bulger who allegedly breaks the laws has put the Bulger who makes the laws in an awkward and embarrassing position at a time that would otherwise rank among the great triumphs of his career. Just last week, he beat back a serious challenge to his 16-year presidency.

"Thank you, thank you very much," a discomfited Bulger said to a reporter who accosted him outside his Senate office yesterday to ask if he would publicly call for his brother, now a fugitive from justice, to turn himself in. With that, the Senate leader disappeared into his office.

Later in the day, Bulger was better composed but just as tight-lipped as he emerged from an afternoon meeting with Gov. Weld.

"No, I have no comment . . . I have no comment," he said as he brushed through a group of reporters.

Neither did nearly everyone else in the political world. Most political figures steered clear of the issue. For example, Gov. Weld, who as US attorney helped direct the early investigations into Whitey Bulger, declined comment.

Those close to the Senate president say his brother's reputation as a mobster has long been a painful public embarrassment to a man preternaturally concerned about his own reputation for integrity.

But one Bulger associate privately said he thought the Senate leader's fierce code of loyalty would keep him from ever disavowing his brother.

"It's really simple," the associate said. "It's his brother. What more is there to say? What do you think, he's proud of him?"

Former Senate Minority Leader David Locke recalls a few jokes Bulger offered several years ago, when Whitey claimed a share of a winning lottery ticket, but says that beyond that, the Senate president never mentioned his brother.

"It has got to be embarrassing, but it was not out there for discussion," Locke said. "Everyone feels that if they were in his shoes, they wouldn't want it to become the subject of discussion, so unless Billy initiated it, I don't think anybody would say anything about it."

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Still, whatever embarrassment Bulger may have felt, he has pointedly refused to disavow his brother, sticking stubbornly by him despite Whitey's reputation and the allegations of criminality.

"He's my brother. I care about him. I encourage him to come by all the time," Bulger told Morley Safer when CBS's "60 Minutes" profiled the South Boston Democrat in 1992.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, 1. JAMES (WHITEY) BULGER JR. Sought on extortion charges 2. WILLIAM M. BULGER
Has not disavowed his brother

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HEADLINE: Ugly truth behind myth;
MIKE BARNICLE

BYLINE: By Mike Barnicle, Globe Staff

BODY:

All day long, people were hanging around the old courthouse in Post Office Square, waiting for this huge federal indictment to be unsealed, the one that is supposed to bury Jimmy Bulger beneath a blizzard of charges, almost all of them having to do with drugs. Of course, nothing was made public yesterday because the nutcase, Salvi, was being arraigned for the murder of two women at health clinics last month, and both the FBI and the US attorney sure do know enough about television news to realize all their great work on gangsters would not appear on the screen until after the weatherman showed us a couple of high-pressure areas over Albany, this because of the enormous coverage accorded the Brookline killings.

So, it was off to South Boston, where, according to local legend, there are no drugs because Jimmy Bulger deplores them and what they have done to society and he will make certain you are good and dead if you deal them in his old neighborhood. Well, I must report to you this morning that you would have to be a cabbage in order not to see the number of people walking - stumbling, actually - around places like D Street and the Old Colony project who are zombies because of heroin.

Oh, yes, heroin is back. Big time, too. The kids begin snorting it when they are 14, 15 and 16, and quite quickly graduate to the needle, to inject it for a longer ride, a better high. The needles have been discovered with increasing and troubling frequency around playgrounds where young children congregate and, sometimes, accidentally stick themselves.

Know this: Jimmy Bulger is a charming fellow who chose a career in crime a long, long time ago. He took this road all by himself, and what he does for a living has absolutely nothing to do with any other member of his family. He is smart and on the run. Most likely, the next time we see or hear from him, he will either be dead or in handcuffs.

But this notion that he served as some great protector of the neighborhood - a guy who singlehandedly kept the curse of cocaine, crack and heroin from the streets of South Boston - is a myth. Part of his profits came from the agony of others too weak to resist the lure of drug money or the escape of the narcotic itself.

Drugs are just as easily available in parts of South Boston as they are in parts of Roxbury, Dorchester or East Boston. I don't want to shock you out of your seat today, but white people become hopelessly addicted, too. White people become junkies. White people steal welfare checks to buy crack. White mothers of white babies smoke the pipe in their apartments.

Maybe, as the tide began to roll in, there was a brief moment of conscience when Jimmy Bulger balked at the influx of narcotics around his hometown. But if it occurred, that moment was indeed fleeting, because the stuff is there and has been for a good, long period of years.

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It has ruined more than merely lives and neighborhoods. Ironically, it ruined the crime business, too. No matter how lethal or large a gangster's reputation happened to be, nothing was big enough to prevent thousands of people from becoming free-lancers and selling junks of crack or a whiff of coke over the bar. Greed ended up hurting the mob more than any wiretap or set of RICO indictments.

In East Boston, many gangsters who get all excited about themselves while watching movies like "The Godfather" or "Goodfellas" are now afraid to go outdoors, where some Dominican might see them and kill them. Here, too, heroin is flooding the streets, coming in brick by brick, up from New York, down a few short miles from Lynn, no way to stop it.

Police catch one dealer, and there are 10 to take his place the next day. The drugs come by bus and car, on foot and through the mail, and no legendary Mafia hoodlum or local good-guy, bad-guy can stem the flow.

Yet, somehow, this notion that the scourge of coke and heroin has abated has been allowed to prosper. Perhaps because suburban kids have been using cocaine in somewhat diminishing numbers the past few years.

But in places you go only because you have to - because you live there, work there, deliver mail there, arrest people there or try to help poor people there - drugs still flourish. They are cheaper and more potent and more available.

Nobody seems to know where Jimmy Bulger has gone. He is a fugitive, the very word lending more romance to the myth some still cling to when it comes to the man.

He is a very clever fellow, his age alone (65) testimony to his brilliance and cunning. But for all his brains, charm and loyalty, he sure was in a bad business, and he certainly knew it every single day of his adult life.

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HEADLINE: Fugitive mobsters may soon face indictments;
Extortion, racketeering, drug charges to be sought

BYLINE: By Shelley Murphy, Globe Staff

BODY:

Boston's two most prominent organized crime figures remained at large last night as federal authorities prepared to urge a federal grand jury to indict them on charges including racketeering, drug trafficking and extortion.

An indictment against alleged South Boston crime boss James J. (Whitey) Bulger Jr., reputed New England Mafia boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme and at least four others is expected to be sought this week, perhaps as early as today, according to law enforcement sources.

FBI agents and State Police have been searching since Thursday night for Bulger, 65, of South Boston, and Salemme, 61, of Sharon, who are wanted on federal complaints charging them with extortion.

A longtime associate of both men, Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi, 60, of South Boston, was arrested Thursday night at a Boston restaurant on charges of extorting monthly payoffs from a Newton bookmaker for 13 years.

Law enforcement sources said State Police and federal agents had planned to arrest Bulger, Flemmi and Salemme simultaneously, but moved quickly to arrest Flemmi when they feared he was planning to flee the area.

"The person they could not go to trial without was Stevie," said one source. "He is the link between Bulger and Salemme."

Flemmi, who has been held without bail since his arrest, is scheduled to appear in US District Court in Boston today for a detention hearing.

Flemmi, Bulger and alleged bookmaker George Kaufman, of Brookline, are accused of demanding monthly payoffs that ranged from \$ 750 in 1979 to \$ 3,000 in 1992 from bookmaker-turned-government witness Burton (Chico) Krantz.

The charge against Salemme remained sealed yesterday, but sources said he is also charged with extortion.

The extortion charges offer only a glimpse of the case being built against the leaders of Boston's Irish and Italian underworld over the past few years by the FBI, the State Police Special Services Section's organized crime unit, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Internal Revenue Service, sources said.

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HEADLINE: US panel indicts Bulger, Salemme;
The charges allege a long partnership in organized crime;
Shelley Murphy of the Globe Staff contributed to this report.

BYLINE: By Judy Rakowsky and Matthew Brelis, Globe Staff

BODY:

The two reputed kingpins of the New England rackets, both fugitives for nearly a week, were indicted yesterday by a federal grand jury as longstanding partners in organized crime.

Alleged Mafia godfather Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme and alleged South Boston crime boss James J. (Whitey) Bulger are charged with extortion and racketeering.

Five other men, including Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi - a close associate of Bulger and Salemme - were charged with loansharking, conspiracy and money laundering. Conspicuously absent from the indictment were charges of drug trafficking and murder, even though law enforcement officials have investigated Bulger, Salemme and Flemmi for those crimes.

Bulger and Salemme escaped a law enforcement dragnet last week. Flemmi is being held without bail pending a detention hearing next week; the other four men are either in jail or have agreed to surrender.

For the first time, law enforcement authorities in Boston have brought criminal charges that allege an alliance dating to 1965 between the Irish mob and the Mafia that has allowed the two not only to coexist but also to coordinate crime schemes such as the collection of "rent" from bookmakers.

US Attorney Donald K. Stern called the 90-page racketeering indictment "far-reaching and significant," saying the charges against the alleged leaders of the Winter Hill Gang and the Mafia, "if successful, will deal a serious blow to organized crime in Massachusetts."

Defense attorneys in the case said the 37-count indictment merely recycled allegations from past cases.

Attorney Anthony M. Cardinale, who represents Robert P. DeLuca, a reputed Mafioso from Lincoln, R.I., who was charged in yesterday's indictment, said: "It's like the federal Greenpeace movement, a recycling of a lot of old allegations. It's the same old stuff, but putting different names with some of the old stories."

DeLuca, who allegedly was involved in a 1989 Mafia induction ceremony in Medford that the FBI secretly captured on tape, was arrested Friday on related charges

Stern declined to comment on where law enforcement authorities believe Salemme and Bulger may be hiding, or whether they may have left the area or the country.

He said State Police and the FBI last Thursday had hoped to make "simultaneous arrests for three persons who don't typically make themselves available to law enforcement anyway."

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Of Salemme, Bulger and Flemmi, only Flemmi was arrested last week. He was handcuffed by 7 p.m. Thursday at Schooner's restaurant on Boston's High Street. Flemmi's son, Stephen, partly owns the restaurant, according to sources.

Word spread quickly that the dragnet was out for Bulger and the older Salemme. WCVB-TV (Ch. 5) reported at 10:30 p.m. Thursday that Flemmi was in custody and Salemme and Bulger were being sought.

Stern declined to comment on what went wrong in the arrests, saying only that "there is a track record for defendants in these kinds of cases to flee."

The federal indictment also mentions an alleged offer that former Mafia boss Raymond L.S. Patriarca made in 1974 to Flemmi to be inducted into the Patriarca crime family. Flemmi - a leader of the Winter Hill Gang, according to authorities - allegedly declined the offer, but pledged his and Bulger's enduring loyalty to Patriarca.

The indictment makes frequent mention of threats of violence in tandem with extortion of bookmakers and others, but missing are murders and drug dealing offenses that recent media reports had advertised.

In addition to the criminal offenses charged, the indictment leaves the door open for a forfeiture charge to the possible seizure of a lottery jackpot that Bulger, of South Boston, won in 1991. Bulger split \$ 14.3 million with two others.

Salemme, of Sharon, was a fugitive from 1967 to 1973 in an attempted murder case, the car-bombing of lawyer John Fitzgerald, for which he was arrested in New York City and served 15 years in prison. Fitzgerald lost a leg in the explosion. Yesterday's indictment repeats that charge in the racketeering counts.

Flemmi, of Quincy, was a fugitive during approximately the same years.

Many of the offenses in the indictment have been charged in cases already tried, and some which have resulted in convictions. Under the federal racketeering statute, crimes for which a defendant has already been convicted can be used to support the umbrella RICO charge.

Attorney MaryEllen Kelleher, who represents Flemmi, said yesterday: "We can't wait for the trial. It's a rehash of many incidents and charges that we've seen in other indictments."

Kelleher, an associate in Richard M. Egbert's law firm, said she was surprised to see Flemmi charged in the attempted murder of Fitzgerald, noting that the state dismissed the charge against Flemmi years ago when it prosecuted Salemme.

Egbert declined comment on the case. Besides Flemmi, Egbert represents the senior Salemme and his son, Frank Salemme, also of Sharon, now in ill health and expected to surrender. Egbert also represents defendant James M. Martorano, a reputed captain in the New England Mafia, who is in federal prison in Pennsylvania on a related conviction.

A lawyer for George Kaufman, Paul Haley of New Hampshire, could not be reached for comment. The indictment seeks forfeiture of \$ 508,425 in assets from Kaufman, a Brookline resident who has run a garage in Boston and has been described along with Flemmi as forming the linchpin between the two crime groups.

Many of the charges against the two Salemmes were first aired in a 1992 indictment against the younger Salemme, as well as Patriarca family associate Thomas Hillary and alleged mobster Dennis LePore, for trying to bribe two former Teamsters so a movie could be made without Teamsters on the set.

At trial last month, a jury convicted former Teamster official William Winn of conspiracy and acquitted another Teamster official in the case. Frank Salemme was not tried because of his illness.

The case also underlies charges in the indictment against both Salemmes for traveling across state lines in aid of racketeering, in connection with a May 1990 trip to Las Vegas.

The indictment paints Salemme as an expansionist who sought to bring an increasing number of bookmakers under his umbrella and collect "rent" from them.

Salemme allegedly expanded his turf into Framingham and Milford with the assistance of Hillary, now a protected witness, who grew up on the east side of Providence with Raymond J. Patriarca, and was taken under the wing of his father, Raymond L.S. Patriarca.

Martorano, formerly of Quincy, has a criminal record stretching back to the 1960s and early 1970s, when he and his brother John were allegedly high-ranking members of the Winter Hill Gang, law enforcement sources have said.

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Martorano spent time in prison for loansharking and a scheme to fix horse races in which jockeys were threatened. Martorano studied law while in prison and worked as a paralegal for Egbert in the 1980s after his release.

The indictment also charges Flemmi with suborning perjury and intimidating grand jury witnesses, as well as with participating in the car bombing of Fitzgerald.

It charges the older Salemme and his son with conspiring with Hillary and missing Westwood businessman Steven DiSarro to place video poker machines in restaurants and bars for illegal operation.

DiSarro, former manager of the South Boston nightclub The Channel, has been missing since May 10, 1993, and law enforcement officials believe he may have been killed by mobsters fearing he had become an informant.

The indictment is the culmination of decades of work by the FBI and the State Police Special Services Section, as well recent contributions from Middlesex County District Attorney Thomas Reilly's office, the US Drug Enforcement Administration and the IRS.

Those named in federal indictment

Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme, 61 Boss of the New England Patriarca crime family Fugitive Charges: 2 counts of racketeering, 7 counts of extortion, 5 counts of crossing state lines for criminal activity, 1 count of conspiracy, 1 count of loansharking

James J. (Whitey) Bulger Jr., 65 Winter Hill Gang leader Fugitive Charges: 2 counts of racketeering, 10 counts of extortion

Stephen J. (The Rifleman) Flemmi, 60 Winter Hill Gang leader Arrested Jan. 5, held without bail Charges: 2 counts of racketeering, 11 counts of extortion, 1 count of witness tampering

Robert J. DeLuca, 49 Patriarca family soldier Arrested Jan. 5, held without bail Charges: 2 counts of racketeering, 2 counts of extortion, 1 count of conspiracy and 3 counts of crossing state lines for criminal activity

George Kaufman, 56 Winter Hill gang member Will be summoned to court for arraignment Charges: 2 counts of racketeering, 12 counts of extortion, 1 count of money laundering

James Martorano, 53 Patriarca family capo regime Is in federal prison on other charges Charges: 2 counts of racketeering, 1 count of extortion, 1 one count of conspiracy

Also indicted: Frank Salemme, 38, mob associate, son of Francis P. Salemme. Out on bail on another charge; will be summoned to court for arraignment on new charges: 2 counts of racketeering, 7 counts of crossing state lines for criminal activity, 1 count of conspiracy, 5 counts of extortion. GLOBE STAFF GRAPHIC

GRAPHIC: PHOTO, US Attorney Donald Stern (left) speaks to reporters yesterday following the indictment of Francis P. Salemme and James J. Bulger. / GLOBE STAFF PHOTO / JOHN TLUMACKI

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HEADLINE: Mafia leaders still don't know when to shut up

BYLINE: By Shelley Murphy, Globe Staff

BODY:

They never learn.

Reputed New England Mafia boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme has provided prosecutors with what may be their most damning piece of evidence by talking incessantly while an FBI bug immortalized his every word.

"I'm the boss," Salemme told a Las Vegas wiseguy during a December 1991 rendezvous at the Logan Hilton, repeating the mistake made by countless mobsters before him who were felled by their own words.

But Salemme, 61, of Stoughton, did not stop after incriminating himself. He also implicated the elusive James J. (Whitey) Bulger and Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi, according to sources.

As gleeful FBI agents monitored his every word, Salemme fingered his underlings in the Patriarca crime family, then boasted to reputed Gambino family capo Natale (Big Chris) Richichi that he insulated himself by relying on "some good kids."

Salemme confided to the now-79-year-old Richichi, "I got that crew that's around, some kids from South Boston . . . Bulger and Flemmi."

A 37-count federal racketeering indictment handed up by a federal grand jury yesterday against Salemme, Bulger, Flemmi and others says Salemme and Richichi talked about "the structure and operation of the Patriarca Family in New England."

The FBI tape of Salemme and Richichi was described by one source as "the icing on the cake" for prosecutors who will try to convince a jury that Salemme, Bulger and Flemmi formed an unholy alliance three decades ago to control New England's rackets.

"It just lays out everything like you wouldn't believe," said the source.

This lack of discretion may be the first by Salemme, and bodes ill for his efforts to stay out of prison. But Salemme is hardly the first alleged Mafioso to implicate himself, Bulger and Flemmi. It's a failing that appears to run in the family.

When the FBI bugged the North End headquarters of then-Boston mob boss Gennaro (Jerry) Angiulo in 1981, Angiulo was recorded saying, "Whitey's got the whole of Southie. Stevie is got the whole of the South End."

And one of Angiulo's capo regimes described the mob's relationship with Bulger and Flemmi.

"They're with us," Ilario Zannino, also known as Larry Baione, told an underling. "We're together. These are nice people. These are the kind of (expletive) people who straighten a thing out."

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In fact, Zannino boasted, "If I called these guys right now, they'd kill anybody we tell them to."

Handing investigators enough evidence to convict him of racketeering in 1986 and send him to prison for 45 years, Angiulo boasted, "We're a shylock. We're a (expletive) bookmaker. We're selling marijuana . . . We're illegal here, illegal there. Arsonists! We're every (expletive) thing."

FBI bugs even captured Angiulo ordering a murder on tape, telling his soldiers to "stomp" and "kill" a Combat Zone bartender he suspected of ratting on his son. The plot was foiled when federal agents alerted the would-be victim.

In 1989, the New England Mafia broke the Mafia's long silence, or omerta, when it unwittingly baptized four members into the family at a Medford home that was bugged by the FBI.

"It's no hope, no Jesus, no Madonna, nobody can help us if we ever give up this secret to anybody, any kinds of friends of mine, let's say," said capo regime Biagio DiGiacomo as four new soldiers pricked their trigger fingers, burned holy cards, and swore to kill anyone who crossed the family. "This thing that cannot be exposed."

As he closed up the Guild Street house after the ceremony, mob soldier Vincent Ferrara was overheard by agents saying, "Only the (expletive) ghost knows what really took place over here today, by God."

But it was wishful thinking. The Mafia's innermost secrets were revealed. And now, investigators must be wondering why men like Salemme - who allegedly rose to power in the wake of Mafiosi who blabbed their way into prison - continue to talk.

During his rendezvous with Richichi, who is awaiting trial in Florida on racketeering charges and in Las Vegas for trying to bribe a union official, Salemme implicated Flemmi in a 1968 bombing that injured a lawyer and landed Salemme in prison for 15 years.

Attorney John E. Fitzgerald Jr. was representing notorious Mafia hitman-turned-informant Joseph Barboza Baron when he started his car outside his Everett office Jan. 30, 1968, and a dynamite bomb exploded, tearing off part of his right leg.

Salemme remained a fugitive after his 1969 indictment for the attempted murder of Fitzgerald, until his December 1972 arrest by the FBI in New York City.

Flemmi was initially accused of plotting with Salemme to kill Fitzgerald, but the charges against him were dropped when a key government witness disappeared.

During the 1991 conversation at the Logan Hilton, Salemme told Richichi that he and Flemmi were on the lam together and that after he was caught, he took the "heat" while his longtime friend beat the rap, sources said.

The revelation appears to have helped prosecutors reopen the case against Flemmi. One of the racketeering charges in the indictment unsealed yesterday alleges that Flemmi and Salemme plotted and carried out the Fitzgerald bombing.

During their conversation, Richichi cautioned Salemme to treat his underlings with respect to keep their loyalty and prevent them from becoming "stool pigeons."

There were no warnings about the damage a mob boss can do to himself.

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BYLINE: By Kevin Cullen, Globe Staff

BODY:

Back in 1981, reputed Mafioso Larry Zannino was incredulous that a fringe wiseguy named Jerry Matricia had tried to beat the Winter Hill Gang for \$ 50,000.

"They're with us," Zannino told Matricia, who thought he had accomplished the ultimate by cheating the Irish gangsters. "We're together."

Yesterday, for the first time, the government charged a group of Boston-based Mafiosi and gangsters from a predominantly Irish-American crime group together, formalizing what police, and even the wiseguys, have said for years.

The 90-page indictment is mostly a litany of bookie shakedowns. One hookie even claimed reputed Mafia boss Francis Salemme commandeered his Ford Explorer, prompting one Mafioso hunter to suggest "Cadillac Frank" Salemme might have to change his nickname.

Symbolically, yesterday's indictment marks the closing of a circle, bringing together the region's traditional ethnic organized-crime groups. Realistically, it could close the book on organized crime in these parts as we have known it.

Even though the Irish have been the dominant ethnic group in Boston for more than a century, in underworld circles they have been subservient to and subcontracted for the Mafia. By the time Prohibition rolled around, giving gangsters the boost they needed to break out of the various ethnic ghettos, the Irish actually had more muscle than the Italians.

But the Italians coalesced around a centuries-old organization called La Cosa Nostra, popularly known as the Mafia, while the Irish were given to bouts of fratricide. The Italians exploited Hibernian begrudgery, paying out blood money to set up various and sundry Irish mobsters.

Not that it was especially difficult to set some of these guys up. Take 1931, for example, when Frankie Wallace, leader of the dominant South Boston-based Gustin Gang, reached out to Joe Lombardo, who led the upstart Italians. Wallace wanted to resolve a dispute over speakeasies. Lombardo invited Wallace over to the North End for a sitdown. As soon as Wallace knocked on the door, a seven-man firing squad opened up.

The ambush of Frankie Wallace was burned into the consciousness of tough kids who grew up in the post-Depression neighborhoods of the North End and East Boston, which were mostly Italian, and Charlestown and South Boston, which were mostly Irish. Those neighborhoods spawned most of the city's gangsters, who carried ethnic-based animosities like chips on their shoulders.

Still, time and mutual interests have a way of healing old wounds, especially when there is a lot of money to be made. Fifty years after Joe Lombardo ambushed Frankie Wallace, Mafia leader Gennaro (Jerry) Angiulo sat in his

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North End office, fondly recalling how, "Me, my brother Frank and my brother Nick had to bury 20 (expletive) Irishmen to take over this town."

And yet, as an FBI bug recorded every word, Angiulo complained that he now had to use Irishmen like James (Whitey) Bulger to kill some of his enemies because too many of his Mafia henchmen botched hits. In his inimitable way, Jerry Angiulo had confirmed that the Italians and the Irish had patched things up so they could do business together.

Actually, the Mafia had cemented its dominance of the local underworld in the 1960s by default, as Irish gangsters killed each other off far more often than the Mafia did. More than 60 gangland figures fell dead in a feud that has never come close to being duplicated.

By 1974, things had improved so much that, according to the indictment, Bulger's longtime associate Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi was in the position of turning down an invitation to become a "made" member of the Mafia. Apparently, it was an offer he could refuse. Flemmi is said to have decided the freedom that came from being hooked up with the Somerville-based Winter Hill Gang was more attractive than paying homage, not to mention money, to then-godfather Raymond L.S. Patriarca.

By 1980, Bulger and Flemmi had set up shop in a dilapidated garage on Lancaster Street near North Station that was run by George Kaufman. All three men were charged yesterday. The garage was a study in wiseguy multiculturalism, with gangsters and supplicants of virtually every ethnic persuasion passing through its greasy doors. State troopers watched from a flophouse across the street as Mafia bigshots like Donato (Danny) Angiulo met with Bulger and Flemmi.

"There's no difference between these guys," says a trooper who chronicled the rogue's gallery on Lancaster Street. "Some of 'em got o's before their last name, some of 'em got o's at the end."

Some say yesterday's indictment sounds the death knell of traditional organized crime in Boston. Many think the Mafia is already a shell of its former self. With successive prosecutions of its leadership, its influence has waned in the decade that has passed since the Angiulo brothers were carted off to prison. In Boston, the Mafia is a dysfunctional family, a bunch of shakedown artists who can barely manage to kill each other, let alone the petty criminals who wreak havoc in neighborhoods that were once Mafia havens. If the Mafia isn't dead, it isn't feeling very well, either.

And now even the untouchables, Whitey Bulger and Stevie Flemmi, are under indictment.

Incidentally, Jerry Matricia, the guy who once tried to beat the Winter Hill Gang for 50 grand, was shot at last month in East Boston. And according to police, it wasn't the Irish who were shooting at him. It was his goombahs.

It's the first rule in the underworld: It is not your enemies you have to worry about, it's your friends.

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Bad timing believed cause of foiled arrests;
Kevin Cullen of the Globe staff contributed to this report.

BYLINE: By Matthew Brelis and Judy Rakowsky, Globe Staff

BODY:

Armed with sealed criminal complaints signed Jan. 4, federal agents and State Police were hoping to simultaneously grab the three most powerful underworld figures in Boston - reputed New England Mafia chieftain Francis Salemme, alleged South Boston crime boss James J. (Whitey) Bulger and Bulger's right-hand man, Stephen Flemmi.

But what they wound up with was the least impressive, but perhaps the most elusive, trophy in the bunch - Flemmi.

"Hindsight is always 20/20, but obviously something went wrong," said one law enforcement source. "What went wrong, I honestly don't know."

Several law enforcement sources said there was no incompetence, but that a complicated plan and a little bad luck resulted in only Flemmi being arrested last week. On Tuesday, Salemme and Bulger were charged with extortion and racketeering in a 37-count federal indictment. Flemmi and four other men were charged with racketeering, loansharking, conspiracy and money laundering.

"There were an extraordinary number of moving parts to this and it was done as well as could be expected," US Attorney Donald K. Stern said yesterday.

Bulger, Salemme and Flemmi were under surveillance for days before the federal complaints were signed.

But the plan was expedited when authorities got wind that their targets - who knew they were targets, but did not know when they would be arrested, sources said - were poised to disappear.

Flemmi was seized around 7 p.m. on Jan. 5 when he went to a closed restaurant in Boston's financial district. Flemmi was a key person in the federal investigation and his movement forced the hand of law enforcement, sources said.

"Everybody felt Flemmi was the toughest to get," said one law enforcement source, adding, "These guys are elusive ... You have to go with the bird in the hand."

But bad luck intervened. On Jan. 5, when Flemmi was spotted at Schooner's restaurant on High Street, he was accompanied by a girlfriend.

But the woman, who was not under arrest, refused to go with agents to FBI Boston headquarters at One Center Plaza. Instead, law enforcement sources believe, she spread the word by telephone that Flemmi had been arrested.

"We almost had Salemme; we just missed him," a source said.

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A federal source said Salemme was seen on Jan. 5 - the day Flemmi was nabbed - but officials did not, or could not, move to arrest him. The source would not say whether officials balked because it would have tipped their hand too quickly.

There is finger-pointing in law enforcement circles as to who is to blame for Bulger and Salemme eluding apprehension.

Both had been seen around town in the week before Jan. 4.

"If they were seen that recently, you would think that certain individuals would have been privy that something was going to happen and would have paid more attention to monitoring them," said a source familiar with federal investigations. "But if you follow them too closely, you can spook them."

The timing of several events - including the investigation of an armored-car heist in New Hampshire Aug. 25 in which two guards were murdered, and the Brookline abortion clinic shootings on Dec. 30 - stretched resources, sources say.

"It is unfair to criticize the State Police and FBI to have the resources to follow these guys around until the indictment," said Middlesex District Attorney Thomas F. Reilly.

Reilly's office, in conjunction with the State Police, opened the door for the federal investigation with the indictment of several bookmakers, including Burton (Chico) Krantz, who sources said gave investigators a wealth of information.

One source said Bulger was the prime target of the investigation.

"Normally, when you have the shot, you go for the large enchilada, and the large enchilada here is Whitey Bulger and not Salemme, even though he is the head of the organization or what New York recognizes as the head," the source said.

"The only thing worse than what they have is if they ended up with nobody. My guess is they will get ahold of a guy if they can, and that may be why they got Flemmi. But what has to be going through their minds is whether this is a Caruana situation."

Salvatore Michael Caruana was a flamboyant Mafia associate who allegedly ran a \$ 173 million drug smuggling operation and allegedly paid the then-boss of the Patriarca crime family for the right to do business in the area.

He skipped bail in 1984 on the eve of his trial and has not been heard from since. Some law enforcement sources believe he was murdered in the late 1980s.

Stern's remarks about the arrest yesterday of John Martorano, a fugitive for 16 years, appear to be addressed in part to Bulger and Salemme.

"Defendants may flee," he said, "but they will inevitably face their day in court."

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HEADLINE: 16-year fugitive's arrest result of same probe

BYLINE: By Shelley Murphy, Globe Staff

BODY:

The reputed leaders of New England's Irish and Italian underworld remained on the lam yesterday, but the probe that culminated this week with their indictment on federal racketeering charges also led investigators to a 16-year fugitive.

Reputed mob associate John V. Martorano, 54, who has been wanted by the FBI since 1979 for his alleged role in a multimillion-dollar scheme to fix horse races at a half-dozen East Coast racetracks, was arrested Tuesday night in Boca Raton, Fla., by Massachusetts State Police and the FBI.

US Attorney Donald K. Stern said Martorano's arrest "underscores the determination of law enforcement authorities in this district to bring fugitives to justice. Defendants may flee, but they will inevitably face their day in court."

Stern said Martorano's arrest was the result of the investigation of alleged former Winter Hill Gang leaders James J. (Whitey) Bulger Jr. and Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi and reputed New England Mafia boss Francis (Cadillac Frank) Salemme.

Martorano's brother, James, a reputed mob capo regime, was indicted Tuesday on racketeering charges with Bulger, Flemmi, Salemme and three other men.

John Martorano, formerly of Quincy, is mentioned in the federal indictment returned this week as a supervisor in Somerville's Winter Hill Gang throughout the 1970s.

Law enforcement sources said John Martorano's name surfaced throughout the investigation and it appeared he continued to be involved in local mob activities while on the lam.

Martorano disappeared after he was indicted in Boston on Feb. 5, 1979, on federal racketeering charges, along with his brother, James, alleged Winter Hill Gang leader Howard T. Winter and 18 others.

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Indictment called 'stake through the heart' of local underworld

BYLINE: By Shelley Murphy and Kevin Cullen, Globe Staff

BODY:

Its ranks already thinned by a decade of racketeering convictions, the New England Mafia has been placed on the endangered species list by yet another indictment, organized crime analysts say.

"What we have now is disorganized crime," quipped one law enforcement source.

For the first time since the 1940s when Raymond L.S. Patriarca seized control of New England's gambling and loansharking rackets, the mob family that still bears his name is losing its grip.

The family's reputed boss, Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme, is on the lam. And with more of its members in prison than on the street, the Mob is pressed to find someone capable of taking charge of this dysfunctional family.

In the past when local Mafiosi went to prison, reputed gangland figure James J. (Whitey) Bulger and his associate Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi allegedly filled some of the void.

A State Police bug planted in a Chelsea bar allegedly revealed that after the 1986 racketeering conviction of Boston's mob hierarchy, bookmakers were given the option of paying tribute to the Mafia or to Flemmi and Bulger.

But now Flemmi and Bulger also face charges. Bulger, Flemmi, Salemme and four other men were charged with racketeering and extortion in a 37-count indictment handed down by a federal grand jury in Boston last Tuesday.

"It's kind of the stake through the heart," said James A. Ring, former supervisor of the FBI's organized crime squad in Boston, describing the impact of the indictment on the Mob.

Flemmi, 60, of Quincy, is being held without bail pending a detention hearing this week. But, Bulger, 65, of South Boston, and Salemme, 61, of Stoughton, remain fugitives on charges that could put them in prison for the rest of their lives.

Law enforcement sources say speculation about a replacement for Bulger is premature.

"Nobody is going to make any kind of move at all unless they know he's totally out of the picture," said an organized crime investigator. "Whatever confidants he has can now run the show. People will stay in line until they see how much trouble he is in. What if he turns himself in and gets released? Someone could get themselves hurt by stepping in too soon."

Organized crime analysts say the New England Mafia will need to find a new boss if Salemme remains on the lam.

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"You cannot manage a family while you're a fugitive," said Ring, who now works as director of investigative services for the Boston law firm of Choate Hall & Stewart. "Daily decisions aren't made. They're postponed and whatever discipline there is breaks down and people start doing things on their own."

As law enforcement agents scan the horizon, most say they see no one especially capable of filling the void left by the indictment and disappearance of Salemme.

Indeed, many in law enforcement say comparing today's Mafia with the one that operated in New England just a decade ago is like comparing apples and oranges. They said Salemme, whose tenure as boss has been marked by chaos and the murders of even his closest associates, would never have been boss except for the rapid succession of prosecutions of his predecessors.

"The gene pool is getting smaller and smaller," said one trooper. "There's no way they can keep replacing these guys."

Some law enforcement agents point to the 1986 racketeering convictions of Patriarca's underboss, Gennaro (Jerry) Angiulo, and his captains as the turning point for the New England mob.

Angiulo, who ran Boston's rackets from his North End headquarters, had been favored to succeed Patriarca until he unwittingly exposed Mob secrets when the FBI bugged his office in 1981. He is serving a 45-year prison term.

With Angiulo out of the running, Raymond (Junior) Patriarca succeeded his father as boss after the elder Patriarca's death in July 1984.

"Junior," says one Rhode Island state trooper, "didn't have a clue."

A renegade Boston faction tried to seize control of the family in June 1989 by orchestrating the murder of Patriarca's underboss, William (The Wild Guy) Grasso, and the botched assassination of Salemme.

In a bid to make peace with the dissenting mob capos, Patriarca consented to their long-standing request to baptize new members into the family, according to court documents.

But the Oct. 29, 1989 ceremony proved the downfall of Patriarca and many of his underlings as FBI bugs planted in the Medford house exposed the mob's innermost secrets.

Of the 21 mobsters from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut who attended the ceremony, all but four are in prison today either serving lengthy sentences or awaiting trial on mob-related charges. One of the four not currently incarcerated, reputed mob soldier Vincent (Dee Dee) Gioacchini of East Boston, was released from prison in November.

Junior Patriarca was demoted to soldier before he pleaded guilty to racketeering in 1991, according to the FBI.

Nicholas (Nicky) Bianco briefly replaced Patriarca as boss, until he was convicted of racketeering in 1991 and sentenced to 11 years in prison.

The power shifted from Rhode Island to Boston for the first time in the history of the Patriarca crime family when Salemme succeeded Bianco as boss. Bianco died last year.

Salemme, who was shot in the chest and leg by four gunmen who ambushed him in a Saugus parking lot on June 16, 1989, has failed to command the same loyalty as that of a faction that has remained faithful to his enemies, law enforcement sources say.

During Salemme's reign nearly a dozen murders have been blamed on a war between his loyalists and dissenters, according to sources.

Authorities now worry about the power vacuum. Traditionally, that leads to violence, as aspiring gangsters jockey for position and round up bookmakers who will pay tribute.

Middlesex District Attorney Thomas Reilly, who with State Police initiated the investigation that culminated with Tuesday's federal indictment, contends that indictment will not in itself lead to an increase in violence.

"That void was there before this indictment," he said, referring to Salemme's alleged inability to keep mobsters in line and resolve disputes over money and turf without gunfire.

Law enforcement agents are divided over whether the Mafia will look to Boston or Providence for its next leader. In Boston, mobsters who worked for Angiulo are slowly emerging from prison, looking to reestablish themselves.

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While some point to reputed mob underboss Luigi (Baby Shanks) Manocchio, 67, of Providence, as a likely successor, others suggest he lacks the ability to run the family and would not be tapped by The Commission, the Mafia's ruling body, which sits in New York.

"If you're asking me is there a capable guy out there right now, I'd have to say no," said a Rhode Island prosecutor.

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BYLINE: By Kevin Cullen, Globe Staff

BODY:

Last week, in one of the biggest assaults on organized crime in the Boston area in a decade, federal authorities unsealed a 37-count indictment charging seven men with racketeering.

The two men most wanted by the authorities, however, Francis (Cadillac Frank) Salemme, the reputed head of the Mafia in New England, and James (Whitey) Bulger, alleged to be the biggest gangster in Boston, got away.

Both men remain fugitives, while their mutual friend and associate, Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi, was among those rounded up.

Bulger is considered the most elusive gangland figure in the Boston area. Although he was identified in 1986 by the President's Commission on Organized Crime as the leader of a group of criminals, he has not been arrested since 1956, when he was charged with bank robbery.

Whitey Bulger is the brother of Massachusetts Senate President William M. Bulger, considered the most powerful member of the state legislature. But it is Whitey Bulger's uncanny ability to stay one step ahead of the law that has made him a legend in and around Boston.

In 1988, the Boston Globe Spotlight Team reported that one of the reasons Whitey Bulger had not been arrested in more than three decades was because he worked as an informant for the FBI, the nation's premier law enforcement agency. Other law enforcement agencies that targeted Bulger for prosecution complained that their attempts to eavesdrop on Bulger and his associates were compromised when Bulger was tipped off to the electronic surveillance.

Today, however, the FBI says it wants to prosecute Bulger for racketeering.

Salemme, meanwhile, is alleged to have been the head of the local Mafia for the past four years, a tenure that has been marked by chaos and the spectre of gangland figures frequently killing each other.

Defense lawyers say the 90-page indictment returned last week was a rehash of old charges. Anthony M. Cardinale, who represents reputed Rhode Island mobster Robert DeLuca, one of the seven charged, derided the government's allegations as the "Greenpeace Indictment," saying the accusations were recycled.

Most of the charges allude to gangsters' extorting money from bookmakers who take illegal bets from ordinary people. The bookies are told to pay "rent" to operate, or face a beating - or worse - if they don't.

While some observers say the indictment could mark the end of traditional organized crime groups, it could also be the end of colorful nicknames. Most of today's up-and-coming gangsters have nicknames that are simply derivatives of their first and last names, while the old-school gangsters had more earthy nicknames.

Seven charged in racketeering indictment;STUDENT NEWSLINE The Boston Globe January 16, 1995, Monday, City Edition

Bulger is nicknamed Whitey for the blondish white hair he had as a boy, while Salemme is called Cadillac Frank because he liked to drive luxury cars. Although, given that Salemme was charged last week with taking a bookie's Ford Explorer for his own use, some police suggest half-jokingly that it may be time to revise the reputed mob boss' name to Francis (Ford Explorer) Salemme.

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HEADLINE: FBI says Bulger and knife got cash;
Affidavit depicts extortion of \$ 50,000

BYLINE: By Judy Rakowsky, Globe Staff

BODY:

A former bar owner-turned-government witness alleges that in 1989, as an armed Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi stood by, James J. (Whitey) Bulger angrily stabbed liquor cases in the back room of the Rotary Variety Store in South Boston and then put the long-bladed knife to the man's throat and demanded \$ 50,000.

The money was extorted from Timothy A. Connolly, former operator of Connolly's Corner Cafe, as a punishment because he was slow to help a Bulger associate obtain a \$ 40,000 mortgage needed to pay off a cocaine debt to Bulger and Flemmi, the FBI alleges.

The allegations were disclosed in an affidavit filed in US District Court by FBI Special Agent Edward M. Quinn, supervisor of organized crime investigations. The affidavit was submitted to buttress a bid by federal prosecutors to hold Flemmi and alleged Mafia lieutenant Robert P. DeLuca without bail on extortion and illegal gambling charges.

US Magistrate Judge Lawrence P. Cohen reserved his ruling on whether to hold Flemmi - who allegedly was Bulger's co-leader of the former Winter Hill Gang - and DeLuca until after further testimony is presented tomorrow.

Bulger and Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme, reputed New England Mafia boss, are fugitives from a federal racketeering indictment returned last week. The indictment contains no drug charges against Bulger or Flemmi, despite the reference in the FBI affidavit to a cocaine debt allegedly owed to them.

Connolly told authorities he was able to ensure the approval of the loan for Bulger's associate - whose identity has been withheld - because Connolly was working for a mortgage company in Waltham at the time, court documents say.

Shortly after the closing on the loan, Connolly was outside the South Boston tavern he operated from 1984 to 1987 when a car pulled up carrying Bulger, Flemmi and another unnamed man, according to the affidavit.

Connolly was told to meet Bulger and Flemmi in the back of the Rotary Variety Store, according to the documents. Connolly went to the warehouse part of the store, where Flemmi and Bulger joined him, the documents say.

"Bulger then drew a long-bladed knife from a sheath on his leg," Quinn said in the affidavit. "Bulger angrily told Connolly that he had undermined the mortgage recipient, called Connolly a expletive and punctuated his comments by stabbing nearby liquor cases repeatedly with the knife."

Bulger then "placed the tip of the knife against Connolly's shirt and told him that he was going to buy his life," the affidavit says.

Connolly then noticed that Flemmi and the other man were armed with guns, according to the affidavit. Connolly agreed to pay the \$ 50,000, court documents say.

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The third man, according to the affidavit, told Connolly that "if he did not pay he would never see his son again."

Connolly told Bulger that he was planning to take a trip to Florida soon, and Bulger demanded that he pay \$ 25,000 before the journey and the remainder on his return, according to Quinn.

Connolly delivered \$ 25,000 in cash shortly after that to the variety store, where he handed the bag of money to Bulger, who walked into the back room with Flemmi, according to the affidavit.

"When Bulger emerged from the back room, he told Connolly that he was now their friend," Quinn's affidavit says.

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HEADLINE: Five in racketeering case arraigned; Flemmi is held

BYLINE: By Judy Rakowsky, Globe Staff

BODY:

A federal magistrate judge in Boston yesterday allowed reputed Mafia captain Robert DeLuca of Rhode Island to be released on bail, and reserved ruling on whether Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi will be released pending a trial on a racketeering indictment of seven men, five of whom were arraigned yesterday.

US Magistrate Judge Lawrence P. Cohen said that DeLuca, of Lincoln, R.I., can be released to electronic monitoring as long as he allows unannounced searches and telephone monitoring by the FBI and the Massachusetts and Rhode Island state police.

Also appearing in court yesterday was Frank Salemme, son of reputed Mafia boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme. The elder Salemme and reputed Winter Hill gang leader James J. (Whitey) Bulger are fugitives from the indictment.

Frank Salemme, who appeared wasted and weak from what has been called a grave illness, was released on the same bail - his parents' Sbaron home - already ordered in another federal case charging him with conspiring to bribe Teamster officials.

Defendant George Kaufman, who allegedly collected rent for Winter Hill gang leaders Bulger and Flemmi, was arraigned at home yesterday because he is too ill with heart problems and diabetes to appear in court.

In addition, James Martorano was brought from a federal prison in Pennsylvania, where he is serving time for a racketeering conviction from New Jersey, to be arraigned on the Massachusetts racketeering indictment.

A decision on Flemmi's release is expected within 10 days.

Richard Egbert, his lawyer, urged Cohen to consider Flemmi's track record of responsibility as a decorated serviceman when considering bail. He also said Flemmi was clearly not intending to flee when he was arrested because he had scheduled hearings with workers' compensation authorities.

Egbert asserted that prosecutors could find only one violent incident since the late 1960s on which to argue that Flemmi is dangerous: the car bombing of lawyer John Fitzgerald, who was maimed in the blast.

Flemmi is charged with participating in the 1968 bombing in the pending racketeering indictment. The elder Salemme and Flemmi were fugitives after the bombing for more than four years, and Salemme was convicted and imprisoned as a result.

Assistant US Attorney Brian T. Kelly argued that Flemmi is also facing accusations that he threatened to kill bookmaker Burton (Chico) Krantz, now a cooperating witness, and was armed and present when Bulger allegedly threatened former bookmaker Timothy Connolly, now also a cooperating witness.

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HEADLINE: Flemmi ordered held without bail until trial

BYLINE: By Judy Rakowsky, Globe Staff

BODY:

A federal magistrate judge has ordered Stephen (The Rifleman) Flemmi held without bail until he is tried on racketeering and extortion charges.

Along with the ruling by US Magistrate Judge Lawrence P. Cohen, a transcript was made public for the first time from a secret FBI recording of a 1991 meeting at the Logan Hilton between reputed Mafia boss Francis P. (Cadillac Frank) Salemme and a Gambino family Mafia captain.

As reported by the Globe in January, Salemme was recorded on tape boasting about being the boss of the New England Mafia and saying, "I've got some good kids around me. I've got that crew . . . some kids from South Boston . . . Bulger and Flemmi."

Salemme tells Natale Richichi, reputed captain of the Gambino family in Las Vegas, that he counts on the longtime loyalty of Flemmi and James J. (Whitey) Bulger.

Bulger and Salemme were charged with Flemmi in the racketeering case, but they remain fugitives from the Jan. 10 indictment.

Flemmi, 60, of Medford, is a reputed leader of the Winter Hill gang, an organized crime group headquartered in South Boston. If released on bail, he is likely to commit crimes, Cohen ruled yesterday.

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HEADLINE: Feds arrest mob kingpin, hunt for 2 others

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

Federal prosecutors have sworn out a criminal complaint against reputed New England mob boss Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme Sr., reputed Winter Hill boss James "Whitey" Bulger and Steve "The Rifleman" Flemmi on a variety of charges including racketeering, sources said.

Sources said Flemmi, a lifelong friend of Salemme and right-hand-man to Bulger, was arrested last night by State Police and FBI agents at a closed restaurant in Boston's financial district.

Police and federal agents also raided Salemme's Sharon home, but he was not there, sources said.

Salemme, 61, took control of the New England mob after former boss Raymond "Junior" Patriarca pleaded guilty to racketeering charges in 1992. Bulger is the brother of State Senate President William M. Bulger.

Several federal grand juries have reportedly been probing the three men and others for nearly two years. The complaint remained sealed last night as investigators searched for the ever-elusive Bulger and Salemme - who has reportedly dropped out of sight since speculation about an impending indictment began surfacing last fall.

A key part of the charges against Salemme are expected to come from the testimony of two bookmakers, Burton "Chico" Krantz and James Katz, who have both agreed to become government witnesses and enter the federal Witness Protection Program.

Krantz and Katz have reportedly told federal investigators that Salemme collected "rent" - protection money - from them for years, information that would support a racketeering charge of systematic illegal activity.

They are also expected to provide key testimony against Flemmi and Bulger.

Sources who have followed the grand jury investigations believe the complaint also contains charges that the three collected "rent" for loansharking and other illegal activity.

It was unclear last night whether the complaint contains allegations that the three received profits from drug dealing or whether any of the half-dozen murders attributed to Salemme during his three-year reign will be used as a basis for the racketeering charge.

Salemme is also expected to be charged with playing a role in the FBI's "Dramex" movie production-union bribery sting that snared his son, Francis P. Salemme Jr., Patriarca family soldier Dennis "Champagne" LePore and two local Teamsters officials.

In that scheme, the FBI set up a fake movie production company in Los Angeles with the hopes of enticing corrupt Teamsters officials to take bribes in return for permission to make films without expensive union involvement.

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The investigation languished until LePore bragged to Robert Franchi, a private citizen working undercover for the FBI, that the New England mob "owned" the Teamsters in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Sources said Franchi is expected to testify that the elder Salemmme flew to Las Vegas to introduce his son - who was not a "made" member of the Mafia at the time - to a high-ranking mob member there.

Salemmme is also said to have traveled to California to set up another scam - brokered by a Boston Mafia associate - involving unions and public works construction contracts.

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HEADLINE: On the lam; Mob kingpins elude state and federal manhunt

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

The two highest-ranking mobsters in Massachusetts remained fugitives last night after eluding an FBI and State Police dragnet flung across the state since Wednesday, officials said.

Reputed New England Mob boss Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme, 61, and Winter Hill Gang boss James "Whitey" Bulger, 65, are both being sought by federal prosecutors on criminal extortion complaints.

But the complaints are believed to be a stop-gap measure to allow officials to arrest the mobsters while holding back a "monster" racketeering indictment.

Dubbed "the Mother of all RICOs" by one investigator because of its extensive use the Racketeering Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, the impending indictment is expected to allege racketeering extortion, gambling, loan-sharking and violent acts including murder, sources said.

A culmination of years of work by the State Police and the FBI, the case could diminish the power of traditional Italian and Irish organized crime in the foreseeable future, officials said.

Salemme and Bulger had been holding together the remnants of the once-powerful Massachusetts underworld and there may now be no one capable of filling the void.

"After these guys there's not much left, it's pretty much a bunch of wannabes, bums and nobodies," one official said.

In what may be the first blood shed in the jockeying for power, a 33-year-old man was shot once through the head in a parked car on Orleans Street in East Boston last night that one source said was "a Mob hit."

The car was parked near the corner of Sumner Street in Jeffries Point, on the same block where shots were fired in an attempted shooting several months ago in which no one was hit, sources said.

Federal prosecutors unsealed a criminal complaint against Bulger and two associates, but a complaint against Salemme and at least two other men remains secret.

The pair gave the slip to more than 100 agents and officers who were watching their various residences and hangouts - including Salemme's Canton condo, his family home in Sharon and the residences of several associates in Revere.

Officials say they believe the pair have fled and will be difficult to find, unless they turn themselves in.

"We're looking for them in metropolitan Boston," said one source involved in the search. "Unfortunately for us metropolitan Boston now includes Aruba."

On the lam; Mob kingpins elude state and federal manhunt The Boston Herald January 7, 1995 Saturday

Stephen J. "The Rifleman" Flemmi was arrested about 7 p.m. Thursday at Schooners, a bar near Faneuil Hall currently undergoing renovations. Sources said Flemmi, a longtime associate of both men, has a financial stake in the bar.

Flemmi was grabbed first, sources said, because he was considered the greatest risk to flee for good. Flemmi, 60, has extensive contacts in Europe and fewer local family ties than Bulger or Salemme.

Flemmi, Bulger and George Kaufman, 66, of Brookline, were charged with conspiring to extort payments from bookmaker-turned-government-witness Burton L. Krantz from 1979 through 1992.

In a sworn statement in support of the charges, a State Police officer said he had been told by Krantz that he "was forced to make extortion or 'rent' payments to James Bulger, Stephen Flemmi, and George Kaufman, who he knew as members of the Winter Hill Gang."

In 1979, "Bulger and other members of the Winter Hill Gang instituted a policy that 'independent' bookmakers had to pay" in order to stay in business, the trooper wrote.

"Krantz made these payments because he understood that he would be physically and economically harmed if he refused to make the payments," the trooper said.

Krantz also told police that Bulger threatened to kill him if he didn't pay an \$ 86,000 debt to another bookmaker.

Meanwhile, Robert "Bobby" DeLuca, a bookmaker and close Salemme associate from Rhode Island, was arrested yesterday in Providence on an indictment that had remained sealed since fall.

DeLuca was charged with taking part in an infamous 1989 Mafia induction ceremony in Medford that was bugged by the the FBI.

DeLuca and others were charged in January 1993 with operating a \$ 42 million-a-year Mob-connected gambling ring.

The news about Flemmi's arrest and the dragnet for Bulger and Salemme was leaked to WCVB-TV-Channel 5 which aired the information Thursday night and angered some some officials including federal prosecutors.

Flemmi, a former paratrooper who friends say still enjoys parachuting with Army buddies, looked tired but fit at an initial appearance before U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence P. Cohen.

When Cohen asked Flemmi how he was employed, Flemmi said he was receiving Workmen's Compensation. "Your honor, there was an auto accident, I was injured," he said.

Cohen also said he had been informed that Flemmi's phones had been tapped. He ordered Flemmi held without bail until a hearing next week.

- Sean Flynn contributed to this report

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HEADLINE: 'Monster' stalks Mob Trio remain last of the old guard

BYLINE: SEAN FLYNN

BODY:

The gansters tried to kill lawyer John E. Fitzgerald Jr. on Jan. 30, 1968, by wiring a few sticks of dynamite to the ignition of his gold Pontiac.

It was meant, as Mob hits often are, to be a murder with a message. Fitzgerald's client was the first major local Mafia turncoat, a hitman-turned-snitch named Joseph "The Animal" Barboza.

The message: squeal, or even help someone squeal, and we'll kill you.

The reputed messengers: two of the underworld's future overlords, Stephen "the Rifleman" Flemmi and Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme.

Problem was, Fitzgerald didn't die. He only lost a leg.

And Barboza didn't shut up. Nor did the other rats who, seeing how it was now possible to snitch and live, began turning on La Cosa Nostra.

Nearly 26 years later, Flemmi, 60, and Salemme, 61, are pretty much the only ones left of New England's old-school gangsters.

Them and, reputedly, James J. "Whitey" Bulger, the elusive 65-year-old South Boston crime boss who first partnered himself with Flemmi around the time Fitzgerald was learning to walk again.

Wanted for years and accused of the most awful things - murder, loan-sharking, extortion, running drugs and guns - they have proved wily survivors in a trade where the retirement options are mostly limited to prison or death.

Forced retirement, sources say, may now be at hand, enforced by "a monster indictment" that could lock up all three for life.

The key? the high-pitched squeal of two rats, bookies who figured they could snitch on the underworld and live to tell about it.

Whitey Bulger, like his equally famous brother, Senate President William Bulger, found his won path out of the South Boston projects, where a bright future was a steady job as a civil servant.

William found salvation in study and learning; Whitey found his in thuggery and crime.

By the time his younger brother began riding the train across town to study at Boston College High School, Whitey had already left Southie for the Army, his reputation as one of the town's toughest products firmly in place.

'Monster' stalks Mob Trio remain last of the old guard The Boston Herald January 8, 1995, Sunday

In 1947 came his first serious brush with the law - a charge of unarmed robbery. Later, an AWOL rap, then a stint in a Montana jail on a (later dismissed) rape charge.

Whitey's only hard time was began more than three decades ago, and it may, in the idle theorizing of hindsight, have saved his life.

In 1956, when he was 26, he was sentenced to federal prison for robbing banks in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Indiana.

By the time Whitey was released, nine years later, Boston's underworld was in chaos. Rival Irish gangs - in Southie, in Somerville, in Roxbury - were shooting each other with abandon, and alliances shifted like sand.

The Italian Mafia, meanwhile, was suffering its own woes. Barboza was blabbing like a talk-show host, enough to eventually put underboss Raymond L.s. Patriarca away on a conspiracy to commit murder rap.

Enter Salemme and Flemmi, up-and-coming mob soldiers who'd been friends since the late 1950s.

Salemme, a half-Irish, half-Italian anomaly for the late 1960s Mafia, grew up in ethnically diverse Jamaica Plain, the son of law-abiding father who worked for Sears. He was a ballplayer in high school, All-City in baseball and a letterman in football.

He left for the Army after high school and returned to J.P. with an honorable discharge at the age of 22. He married soon after and had a son.

And, in the late 1950s, he met Stephen Flemmi.

Flemmi already had his fearsome nickname - "The Rifleman." It came from his days in the Korean War, where he was a paratrooper and an expert marksman.

And Flemmi already had a loose association with the Mob: his brother James "Jimmy the Bear" Flemmi was an associate of hitman Barboza, according to The Animal's autobiography.

At the time, the local Bennett Brothers gang - headed by Billy, Walter and Wimpy - was beefing with the North End-based Mafiosa. And Salemme, officially working as a union electrician, reputedly was drawn into the underworld wars.

First there was the bombing of Fitzgerald. Then, in 1969, Billy Bennett's murdered corpse was dumped on a Roxbury snowbank, a thump of finality for the Irish gang in Roxbury.

Salemme was indicted for both crimes and headed out of town.

Three years later, three FBI agents spied him on Third Avenue in New York, nibbling a cannoli. He was arrested, convicted of the bombing and locked up for 15 years.

The Bennett murder charge was dropped. The key witness opted not to testify.

The Rifleman never did any prison time. Flemmi was indicted for the Fitzgerald bombing but never convicted and was left on the street to hone his connections and his reputation.

Whitey, meanwhile, took a job as a courthouse custodian, courtesy of his brother, but soon ended up back on the streets of Southie - the tough guy had come back to town.

He was an enforcer, legend has it, for the Killeen brothers' gambling and loan-sharking operation, collecting debts and spreading fear.

But, a few years later, he reputedly split with the Killeens and aligned himself with a man named Pat Nee, who was a top dog in the Mullins gang. Soon after, Donnie Killeen was machine-gunned to death in the driveway of his Framingham home.

Whitey was never charged with the killing.

After Donnie died, Whitey began frequenting the Somerville garage from where the legendary Howie Winter ran his Winter Hill Gang.

It was there that Whitey hooked up with Flemmi who, two decades later, is reputed to be Bulger's right-hand man.

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And, it should be noted, was the first one the feds grabbed last week when they spotted him at Schooners, a closed downtown restaurant.

Fast forward to the late 1980s.

Bulger, with Flemmi, "controls everything in South Boston," as one street source says. They collect rent from drug dealers and bookies, extorting this, loan-sharking that.

Salemme is released from prison just in time to find the New England Mafia in utter disarray, the hierarchy either gone or going, done in by snitches and their own loose lips.

Yet, as one investigator noted, Salemme "shut up and did his time."

His silence earned him the loyalty of the Patriarca family, which promoted him to underboss upon his 1988 release.

That prison-to-power trajectory rankled some local wiseguys - Salemme, in fact, miraculously survived an attempted hit at a Saugus pancake house. But Salemme is now believed to be firmly in charge.

And Flemmi is seen as the link between Bulger's Irish mob and Salemme's Mafia.

For three men who are so well known, they have proven awfully difficult to catch.

The rumor has persisted for years that a friendly FBI agent swapped information with Whitey. Yet whatever the reason, he has an astonishing knack for either avoiding or thwarting listening devices.

Bulger does business mostly from pay phones and in open, unbuggable, areas. Flemmi, an avid traveler known to disappear for months at a time, represents him on the street, keeping Whitey that much more insulated.

Perhaps more troubling, at least for the law enforcement agents who spent careers chasing these reputed wiseguys, is how difficult it has been to tarnish their reputations among the law-abiding public.

Whitey once called himself and his associates "bad-good guys," and they're are plenty of people who would agree.

When an anonymous donation shows up for a burned out Southie family, the hushed word is that Whitey is offering his benevolence. When the veterans of "the forgotten war" - Korea - wanted to erect a monument in Charlestown, Flemmi pitched in \$ 5,000 for an engraved bench.

It's the gangster as good guy, or at least not really, really bad guy. Gentleman Gangsters. It may be a myth, but Bulger, Flemmi and Salemme are all that's left of it.

And probably not for much longer.

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HEADLINE: Snitch switch forces Whitey out of business

BYLINE: Howie Carr

BODY:

It's karma, payback, whatever you want to call it.

All these years, Whitey Bulger was a rat, a stool pigeon, a canary, and now he's been dined.

What goes around, comes around. Payback is a bitch.

And once again, it's not so much sleuthin' as a whole lot of snitchin' going on.

Here's an example of the traditional Whitey m.o., from a state cop. A bunch of local, unaffiliated wiseguys bring in a load of marijuana and they stash it in a Southie warehouse.

Looks like a good score for the fellas, but they made one big mistake. They didn't do the right thing by Whitey. Then he calls the hoods.

I just got a tip, he tells them. You guys better clear out of that warehouse, because it's about to get raided. And so it is.

A day or so later, the warehouse lads stop by to personally thank Whitey. Whitey commiserates a bit, then points out that maybe this whole problem could have been avoided. If only I'd known he says. Maybe I coulda . . . made a call. But ya didn't tell me.

"So now Bulger's got two chits," said the Statie. "The feds love their prize little snitch 'cause he gave 'em another bust, and now the wiseguy's grateful because he didn't go down, plus he's learned his lesson. He's got a new partner, Whitey. And Whitey got his hooks into him by using the feds as his enforcers. Unbelievable it went on as long as it did."

In the snitchin' game, the rule is, you trade up. Whitey, on top, traded down. And the feds, some of them anyway, were so grateful they patronized his liquor store for their parties.

But now it's over. Two bookies, Chico Krantz and Jimmy Katz, flipped. As the feds say, they quit the grinnin' and dropped the linen.

And now Whitey is on the run, probably forever, leaving behind only the stories:

Former Mayor Kevin White, in a TV interview that has still never been broadcast, telling Chris Lydon that during busing, he was petrified that Whitey would pick him off with a high-powered rifle as he left the Boston Racquet Club "because Whitey was crazy even then, and if they kill me, (future felon Gerry) O'Leary's mayor, and they win everything."

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Whitey, leaving the old South Boston Liquor Mart with a large bag of cash, some of which spills out onto the front seat of his car. A Boston cop, deciding to conduct a "threshold inquiry," asks Whitey, "What's this?" To which Whitey replies, "That's our money. We have the busiest liquor store around."

Threatening a Herald American reporter, who, being Italian, goes immediately to the North End to seek the intervention of foul-mouthed Mafia psychopath Larry Zannino. "Whitey Bulger?" replies Zannino. "I can't do nothin' with Whitey. He's crazy." Reporter begins carrying gun to work.

But now it's all finished, just because these bookies, Krantz and Katz, decided to join the largest crime family of them all. The Witness Protection Program.

Until the indictments are unsealed, we won't know exactly what kind of offers Whitey and Stevie Flemmi made to these guys that they couldn't refuse. But to get the general idea, you just need to hear the FBI tapes of the Vinny Ferrara crew from East Boston.

They were shaking down a bunch of bookies who had names like Kempler and Rantz and Paroyan and Paul and Assimakopoulos and Weinstein. Then they went to an 89-year-old dentist/bookie named Doc Sagansky. They asked him for a "loan" of \$ 500,000.

Doc: "I never had anybody pay me back in all the years that I . . ."

Hood: "What are we playing, a bleeping game here pal? You reaped, listen, you reaped the harvest all those bleepin' years. You're gonna pay now! We want it! We're not asking!"

Doc: "Listen, take the business, will you please?"

But in the end Doc paid. He knew the rules. A few years back an early stool pigeon was asked by a congressman at a hearing about Mob rules.

Q: What happens if you break their rules?

A: As a rule, they kill you.

Which they surely would have done with these guys Krantz and Katz. But now it's too late. Whitey and Stevie Flemmi are out of business.

Thanks Chico. What goes around . . .

Howie Carr's radio show is broadcast every weekday from 3-7 p.m. on WRKO-AM 680.

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HEADLINE: Monster stalks Mob Huge indictment awaits wiseguys

BYLINE: RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

The Monster is still chasing fugitive mobsters Francis p. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme and James "Whitey" Bulger, who have managed to elude it for four days.

It is no mere beast, sources said yesterday, but a "monster indictment" that will include federal racketeering, extortion, money laundering, drug trafficking and violent crime charges, including murder.

Expected targets of the indictment are reputed New England crime boss Salemme, Irish crime boss Bulger and at least a half-dozen associates.

New details of the "monster's" size and shape emerged as the hunt for the elusive pair entered a new phase yesterday - a more focused, lower-key search than the 100-investigator dragnet that began hunting them Wednesday, sources said.

Source now say the impending indictment will include:

The fruits from more than 50 law-enforcement wiretaps of the mobsters and their associates by the FBI, the DEA and the State Police Special Services organized crime unit.

One FBI wiretap in particular implicates Salemme, Bulger and arrested associate Steve "The Rifleman" Flemmi. The tape, one source said, rivals the bugging of a 1989 Mafia induction ceremony for "sheer audacity."

Drug charges based on Drug Enforcement Administration investigations and wiretaps and money-laundering charges based on work by Internal Revenue Service investigators.

Salemme, 61, of Sharon and Bulger, 65, of South Boston are being currently sought on criminal complaints for lesser charges.

After successfully evading capture for four days, the two will be hard to catch, investigative sources said. Authorities started searching for the reputed mobsters on Wednesday, but that information did not become public until Thursday night.

"They're not tooling around the countryside willy-nilly," one veteran investigator said. "With Bulger, for example, he could be out of the country or in a basement in Southie somewhere and he's going to stay put until he's good and ready to move."

Most investigators believe the pair are trying to figure out exactly what's in the indictment before making a decision about whether to turn themselves in.

Monster stalks Mob Huge indictment awaits wiseguys The Boston Herald January 8, 1995, Sunday

If the indictment is indeed a monster, former bookmaker Burton "Chico" Krantz - with some unsolicited help from the State police and Middlesex County prosecutors - played the part of Dr. Frankenstein.

Long suspected as being a moneymaker for the mob, Krantz was targeted by State Police organized crime investigators in late 1990. On Feb. 28, 1991, they struck with a search warrant and found records leading to two safe deposit boxes in banks in Dedham and Chestnut Hill.

Krantz dispatched his son Michael to one of the banks with a duffle bag but it was too late - troopers armed with search warrants had found nearly \$ 2.3 million of Krantz's retirement cash.

His nest egg gone, Krantz, who had recently turned 50, felt compelled to become an informant, sources said.

The troopers began working with Middlesex District Attorney Tom Reilly and Assistant District Attorney Curt Schwartz. The authorities obtained permission for wiretaps that began to gather information on Bulger, Flemmi and George Kaufman, an alleged bookmaker and collector for Bulger who was also charged last week.

Reilly was singled out for praise last week by U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern after the charges against Bulger, Flemmi and Kaufman were made public. In turn, Reilly praised the work of the State Police, especially the Special Services and Special Investigations units.

Krantz's cooperation led to the downfall of another moneymaker for both Bulger and Salemme - alleged bookmaker Joseph Yerardi of Chestnut Hill, court records show.

Sources said that over the last two years, the State police investigation linked up with "parallel investigations" by the DEA, IRS and FBI, which was probing both Salemme and a Revere-based crew of patriarch-family mobsters.

The entire case was eventually turned over to the U.S. Attorneys Office Organized Crime Strike Force, which is expected to unleash the "monster" indictment as early as next week, sources said.

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HEADLINE: Flemmi's arrest may have saved his life

BYLINE: By JOE HEANEY

BODY:

Last week's arrest of mobster Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi may have saved his life and the pending case against New England Mob bosses Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme and James "Whitey" Bulger, underworld and police sources agreed yesterday.

Flemmi, 60, grabbed by state and federal agents Thursday night at a closed Financial District restaurant owned by Salemme's son, has emerged as the key to both the prosecution and defense of Salemme, 60, and Bulger, 65.

The pair somehow eluded arrest last week and are being sought in a nationwide manhunt.

Federal indictments charging them with a series of violent crimes, including murder, extortion and money laundering are imminent, sources said.

"The biggest thing the feds have is the tapes Chico Krantz made of Stevie when he was collecting for Whitey and Frank," said a source close to the New England crime scene.

"That makes Stevie dangerous because if the feds could get him to identify himself on the tapes when Krantz the stool pigeon testifies, it could cook Frank and Whitey," the source said.

Burton "Chico" Krantz, 57, formerly of Newton, who ran a million-dollar weekly gambling operation in Greater Boston, became a police informant after being indicted by a grand jury.

The bookie's testimony, based largely on secret tapes made while Flemmi was collecting "rent" that began at \$ 750 monthly and increased to \$ 3,000 during 13 years, is considered vital to convicting Salemme and Bulger.

"Could be that with the heat coming down fast some people might think Stevie was too dangerous to have around in case he rolled over to the feds and became another Krantz," the underworld source said.

"I think that's why the feds grabbed him. They wanted him for sure, but they want to save him, 'cause they need him,"

he added.

While it is not known which murders are referred to in the "monster" federal indictments, both Salemme and Flemmi previously faced indictment in the 1967 murder of William Bennett, 56, of Dorchester. Those charges were dropped when a key witness disappeared. Salemme has also been implicated in the 1967 murder of Bennett's brother, Walter Bennett.

Meanwhile, a law enforcement source agreed Flemmi is vital to both sides.

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"I think if Flemmi hasn't already heard himself on tape, he will soon," the source said.

"The whole thing is, will Stevie roll (become a precaution witness)? The feds will tell him:

"Look, you're the first one in the door. Make up your mind. You are 60 years old. Do you want to do 20 years in a prison in Pennsylvania or Colorado and never see your family? Help us out and help yourself. You can go one or two ways - the Witness Protection Program or the rest of your life in prison."

The source said he is convinced Bulger escaped arrest because he got tipped off.

"He always got tipped off that's why he's never been arrested in 40 years.

"I remember when a wire tap went into a variety store on D Street in Southie near the D Street Project 10 years ago. The object was to tie Whitey to operating the the drug trade in South Boston.

"Whitey found out about the tap in a heartbeat and it was useless. Whitey expected good treatment because he always crossed the line sometimes and helped the feds."

Other sources indicated yesterday a South Boston Bulger associate nicknamed "Top Cat" could come into focus if Whitey is ever prosecuted or for information on his whereabouts.

"In this latest deal, someone, maybe a friendly investigator, maybe not, told Whitey to take a hike," the source continued. "Probably said something like: 'Hey, here's your bite of the apple. Go to Ireland.'"

Meanwhile, yesterday Bulger and Salemme remained on the lam and some sources close to the crime scene believed the two crime chiefs might continue to elude capture.

"Remember 'Cadillac' Frank is a made man in the Mafia. He can expect to be looked after any place in the country by people who are experts at hiding people.

"Frank has relatives in Canada, too. He hid out up there for a while after that attempted hit in Saugus back in 1989," the source said.

Salemme was wounded in a botched assassination attempt outside a Route 1 restaurant.

"I don't think you are going to see Whitey snapped up anytime soon, either. I don't think it's part of the script. Stevie was the weakest of the three and he got grabbed," the source said.

"But without Frank or Whitey under arrest, what good is Stevie unless he totally rolls over and starts helping in the search?"

The source said both Bulger and Salemme should be worried.

"For one thing there are a lot of shoot-'em-up drug heads and out there you got to worry about getting hit by one of them. And both Whitey and Frank are up there (agewise).

The FBI yesterday declined comment on the hunt for Bulger and Salemme.

A state police spokesman said the pair could still be in the Massachusetts area.

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HEADLINE: 'Killer' tapes expected in indictment of Mob

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

A major indictment against the hierarchy of the Massachusetts Mob may be unsealed today in federal court, and will include tapes of a "killer" electronic surveillance, sources said yesterday.

One investigative source called the indictment against reputed New England Mob boss Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme of Sharon and Winter Hill Gang boss James "Whitey" Bulger of South Boston "very, very strong."

"If I were them, I wouldn't come back. Ever," the source said about Salemme and Bulger, who are still at large after eluding a 100-person dragnet thrown across the state last week by the state police and the FBI.

"It's like they said at the induction ceremony in Medford (which was bugged by the FBI in 1989), 'No God, no Jesus, no Madonna is going to save you from this thing of ours,' the source said. "They're gone."

U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern declined comment yesterday on any impending indictments.

Sources close to the case, however, called it likely that the indictment would be unsealed due to scheduled court hearings.

Close Salemme and Bulger associate Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi is scheduled to appear at a detention hearing tomorrow before U.S. Magistrate Judge Charles B. Swartwood.

The 60-year-old Flemmi of Quincy, has been charged only with extortion in a criminal complaint that was unsealed Friday.

Bulger was also charged in the complaint, which alleged that Flemmi, Bulger and bookmaker pal George Kaufman of Framingham extorted hundreds of thousands of dollars in "rent" payments from bookmaker-turned-government-witness Burton "Chico" Krantz, 54, of Chestnut Hill.

Even so, there is no guarantee for federal prosecutors that Swartwood would order Flemmi held without bail based solely on the criminal complaint.

The indictment is believed to contain much more serious charges, including racketeering and murder. Flemmi was arrested first, law enforcement officials said, because he was considered the most likely of the "big three" to flee the country.

Even so, sources said that unless Bulger and Salemme are either found or turn themselves in soon, FBI and state police fugitive hunters will begin turning their attention overseas for possible hiding places.

The elusive Bulger is believed to have extensive contacts in the Irish Republican Army in Northern Ireland.

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Salemme, meanwhile, went on the lam in 1968 after he was indicted for murder and attempted murder. He was caught in New York in 1971, but he told FBI undercover witness Robert Franchi that he had gone to Italy while he was in hiding.

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HEADLINE: INDICTED; Senate president, colleagues mum on 'Whitey' issue

BYLINE: By ROBERT CONNOLLY

BODY:

Virtually any subject seems to be fair game on Beacon Hill these days - all except one, the indictment of the Senate president's brother, James "Whitey" Bulger.

"Oh my God, ask me about anything else. Not that," one lawmaker said yesterday when queried about the indictment of the brother of Senate President William M. Bulger on extortion and gambling charges.

"That's the third rail, and I'm not touching it," another lawmaker said.

Bulger (D-S. Boston), who has become open and affable with the media in recent years, is drawing the line when it comes to questions about his brother, a reputed Mob leader.

"He's just not going to have any comment," an aide said.

The Senate president has had little to say about his elder brother over the years, although according to a variety of sources, the two men have maintained a close relationship.

Sources said Bulger believes that his older brother, while perhaps no angel, has been unfairly portrayed. "He thinks there's a lot of hype, a lot of myth-making involved, although I don't know if this (yesterday's indictment) alters his perception," an associate said.

It seems unlikely that the indictment of Whitey Bulger will have much of an effect on Beacon Hill.

It could make more difficult any plans Gov. William F. Weld may have to appoint the Senate leader to the state bench.

Weld himself said he didn't believe that the federal indictment would change much.

"I think that (Whitey Bulger's background) is already well enough known so I don't think it would be a new distraction," Weld said.

Asked how he viewed Whitey Bulger, Weld - the former U.S. attorney for Massachusetts and former head of the U.S. Justice Department's criminal division - contracted a case of Beacon Hill no-comment flu.

Weld, who yesterday answered all manner of questions about whether he was a draft-dodger, womanizer or ex-marijuana smoker, said: "Well, I'm not going to comment on that."

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HEADLINE: INDICTED; Bookies brought in bacon; 'Force' used to collect their cash

BYLINE: By SEAN FLYNN

BODY:

Long before the state Lottery started gouging its share of the numbers racket, bootleg gambling was the bread-and-butter of organized crime.

The food chain is direct enough: gamblers pay bookies and bookies pay wiseguys who, in theory, protect the franchise. Included in the 90-page federal indictment dropped on seven of New England's reputed wiseguys yesterday: a detailed accounting of which bookies - and loan sharks - allegedly paid which wiseguys.

"No one would be so stupid to try and be a free-lance bookie - too dangerous," said one source close to Boston's underworld. "Bookies have wiseguys or they get their legs broken or their houses set on fire."

Indeed, the federal charges allege James J. "Whitey" Bulger, Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme and their underlings used "actual and threatened force, violence and fear" to shake down more than a dozen reputed bookies and loan sharks.

Sort out the reputed role of each man named in the indictment - not to mention the unindicted co-conspirators - and the case reads almost like an anti-trust suit: two criminal corporations monopolizing and manipulating the gaming and lending markets.

In the beginning - for the purposes of the indictment, 1967 - the Patriarca family collected rent from bookies and sharks. Come the 1970s, the Winter Hill Gang started a sports-betting operation and began drawing once-independent bookies into the fold.

As the years rolled from the 1970s well into the 1980s, the underworld landscape began to shift. Winter Hill boss Howie Winter went to prison in 1979, and was reputedly succeeded by Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi.

Patriarca underboss Gennaro Angiulo went down a few years later, as did, eventually, Raymond L.S. Patriarca and his son, Junior. By 1991, Salemme was the new boss.

Bookies were up for grabs, sources said. The two gangs, the indictment alleges, "coordinated their activities in order to avoid conflict and to achieve their mutual goal of enriching themselves."

The liaisons, the government claims, were George Kaufman, a Winter Hill player since the 1970s, and Flemmi.

Between 1972 and now, Bulger, Flemmi and Kaufman are accused of wringing cash at one time or another from bookies named Burton L. Krantz, James J. Katz, Edward Lewis, Thomas Ryan, Richard Brown, Mitchell Zuckoff, Howard Levenson and Bernard Weisman.

Salemme and his son, Frank, allegedly shook money - and a 1992 Ford Explorer - out of bookie Michael Dezotell.

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There are hybrid teams, too, the feds allege. Salemme, Flemmi and Kaufman reputedly extorted money from Krantz and Vincent Roberto - between whom they also mediated a beef, the grand jury alleged.

And Salemme, Kaufman and Robert P. DeLuca are accused of strong-arming Albert Figaratto.

There was loan-sharking, too. Joseph A. Yerardi Jr. of Brookline not only paid "rent" to the Winter Hill Gang but collected for them and used their cash to finance his lending business, the government alleged.

And Peter J. Fiumara of Newton, owner of a Revere strip joint, paid the Salemmes to run his loan-sharking business, the indictment claims.

Joe Heaney contributed to this report

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HEADLINE: INDICTED; Mass. Mob hierarchies hit with racketeering charges

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

The hierarchies of the Irish and Italian Mobs were hit with a massive 37-count federal racketeering indictment yesterday, which prosecutors said closely links two of Massachusetts' dominant criminal enterprises for the first time.

U.S. Attorney Donald K. Stern said the indictment against reputed New England Mob boss Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme, Winter Hill Gang boss James "Whitey" Bulger and five associates would "deal a serious blow to organized crime in Massachusetts."

"This is a very clear sign to other persons who would aspire to leadership positions in organized crime that the full weight of law enforcement is waiting for them," Stern said.

All seven of the defendants are charged with both racketeering and racketeering conspiracy, charges that carry a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison each.

The evidence against Salemme, 61, of Sharon, is believed to be particularly strong, sources said.

The evidence includes a tape from an FBI bug planted in a Boston-area hotel room during a meeting between Salemme and a high-ranking member of New York's powerful Gambino crime family, sources said. The FBI is also believed to have tapes of meetings between Salemme and family consigliere (chief adviser) Charles Quintina of Revere, sources said.

Investigative sources said federal authorities are not believed to have taped the ever-elusive Bulger, 65, of South Boston, leaving the case against him relatively weaker.

The 90-page indictment includes charges of extortion, loansharking, gambling, money-laundering, drug dealing and tax evasion. While broad in scope, it appeared curiously light on charges of violence - especially since the persons charged in it are alleged to have been violent criminals for decades.

In fact, the only violent acts alleged in the indictment were violence and threats associated with collecting "rent" from bookmakers and loansharking and the 1968 bombing of attorney John Fitzgerald, who was representing Mob "rat" Joseph Barboza.

Salemme was convicted of the bombing in 1973 and served 15 years in prison. Similar charges against alleged Salemme and Bulger associate Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, 60, of Quincy, were dismissed.

The lack of new violent charges led one defense attorney in the case, Anthony M. Cardinale of Boston, to dub the charges the "Greenpeace Indictment."

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"It's pretty much all recycled material," said Cardinale, who represents alleged Salemme associate Robert DeLuca, who was also charged yesterday.

Flemmi and bookmaker George Kaufman are alleged in the indictment to have been the nexus between the two groups.

"Salemme coordinated the activities of the Patriarca family with the activities of the Winter Hill Gang through defendants Stephen J. Flemmi and George Kaufman," the indictment states.

Also indicted yesterday were Salemme's son Francis P. Salemme Jr. and James "Jimmy" Martorano, an alleged underboss of the Patriarca crime family under Salemme and the brother of high-ranking Winter Hill Gang member John Martorano.

Three of the seven, Flemmi, Martorano and DeLuca, are in custody. The younger Salemme, 38, and the 66-year-old Kaufman, however, are expected to surrender, Stern said.

Neither Flemmi nor the younger Salemme were alleged to be "made" members of the Mafia despite their close ties to "Cadillac Frank" Salemme.

"In approximately 1974, Flemmi was offered the opportunity to become a "made" member of the Patriarca . . . Family by (legendary former boss) Raymond L.S. Patriarca. Flemmi refused the offer and chose to associate himself with the defendant Bulger. However, Flemmi pledged his own and Bulger's loyalty to Patriarca," the indictment states.

Sources said the younger Salemme was supposed to be "made" during a 1989 induction ceremony in Medford - which was huffed by the FBI - but his father decided against it.

The crux of the charges appears to stem from the cooperation of bookmaker-turned-government-witness Burton "Chico" Krantz, 54, of Chestnut Hill.

Krantz was targeted as a prime moneymaker for the Mob in 1991 by the State Police Special Service Section organized crime unit. He was successfully recruited as an informant after troopers raided two safety-deposit boxes containing nearly \$ 2.3 million in Krantz's "retirement money," sources said.

According to the indictment, Bulger and his Winter Hill Gang associates used "violence and express and implicit threats of violence . . . to exercise control over and obtain money from" bookmakers like Krantz and fellow government witness James J. Katz.

Other bookmakers named in the indictment include Edward Lewis and Joseph Yerardi - who have both been named in separate indictments - Thomas Ryan, Richard Brown, Bernard Weisman and Mitchell Zuckoff.

The indictment also alleges that Salemme and his son moved aggressively to extend his own collection of "rent" money into the cities of Framingham, Milford and Lowell.

He was allegedly aided by Mob associates Thomas Hillary - who is also now a government witness - DeLuca, Charles "Chucky" Flynn and Albert "Pancho" Gonsalves.

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HEADLINE: INDICTED Whitey's big ego will send him back to face weak rap

BYLINE: By Peter Gelzinis

BODY:

Whitey hit the road a week ago Tuesday.

That is approximately two full days before his soulmate on the dark side, Stephen J. "The Rifleman" Flemmi was bagged - a tad surprised and awfully flat-footed - inside a closed restaurant on High Street.

We're talking a running start of 48 hours. Not too shabby as far as tipoffs go. You could get to Katmandu in 48 hours.

Or perhaps you could just hunker down for winter in that cinder block garage behind Columbia Wine & Spirits and just a few doors away from John's Original Subs.

Either way, Whitey's apparently taken his lifetime companion, Theresa Stanley, and his Number One underling, Kevin Weeks, into the shadows and mist of the fugitive life. Both of them are gonzo.

Exactly one week, or 168 hours after Whitey disappeared, the feds unveiled what was billed as their "monster" indictment, the mother of all big sticks to be trained on the wily head of Southie's favorite senior citizen gangster.

Judging from what was released on the printed page yesterday, the "monster" proved to be more of a Chihuahua. The big stick little more than a twig.

In the gin mills and the coffee shops, from Andrew Square clear out to the Sugar Bowl, they waited on a rumor of murder . . . the tales of Edward "Wimpy" Bennett. They waited on the prospect of wholesale drug trafficking. They waited on whispers of "some serious bleep."

Today, the talk is of Whitey - like the first crocus - returning with the spring. Today, the talk is of cat 'n' mouse.

"That's what you got now," said one law enforcement source. "It's a bleepin' cat 'n' mouse deal now. I mean, if he's (Whitey) convinced that what they got on him is nothing but a bleepin' chump change deal, he'll walk in to deal with it. No doubt in my mind.

"Lookit, you're talkin' about a guy with an ego bigger than the city, on a power trip bigger than the country, and with access to more money than God, OK?

"But remember, outside of Southie . . . he's nothin'. Nothin' but one more 65-year-old man, who has to keep looking over his shoulder. If he's forced to, he can live like that. But if he doesn't have to, he won't.

"In some ways, Whitey ain't all that different from any other senior citizen," the cop said. "He got to the point where the routine of his life was nice 'n' cozy for a wiseguy. He had the lottery score. Theresa. Not to mention one or

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two pleasant young distractions here and there. The liquor store. The occasional sabbatical to who knows where. And, of course, that great big river of bleep pourin' in under the table. There was no one on the horizon to bleep with him.

"You don't walk away from that on the word of one or two pissed-off bookies."

What you do, if you're James J. "Whitey" Bulger, according to a neighbor who knows, is you confer (in some cryptic way) with a barrister, like, say, Anthony "Tony" Cardinale. You "assess" the situation from afar, very closely.

"If that's really all they bleepin' got on him," the neighbor said, "then, yeah, I think he comes back. What the bleep, it could take years to fight something like that. He don't care. He's got the dough to fight it.

"But he's gotta know that's it. If what the feds put out is really all they have, what's the point of livin' like an average jerk?"

This neighbor was quick to point out that Whitey did not leave a moment before he "understood" it was time to leave. He had made the usual rounds right up until lift-off last Tuesday. After a memorial Mass for his mother on New Year's Eve, he was spotted in the Abbey Tavern on lower Dorchester Street. The White Man was most assuredly around.

Remember, too, we are talking about a "reputed drug trafficker, racketeer and murderer," whose public image in the 10 years since his national debut by a presidential crime commission, has nearly eclipsed that of his younger brother. Billy might even be forced to agree that Whitey is indeed a much larger public figure.

"Whitey could give a bleep less about showing his face in court," the neighbor pointed out. "Next to that fruitcake Salvi, his face has already been plastered over every front page and news show for a week.

"It's not walkin' into that court that concerns him. It's walkin' out."

Just how long it will take for Whitey to "assess" the situation, no one knows. For that matter, no one is entirely sure that the feds wouldn't try with all their might to greet Whitey with a surprise on his return.

But one thing is certain. Whitey's gone. Cadillac Frank's gone. And Stevie's in stir. Sort of raises a whole other set of questions, doesn't it?

"I don't why the bleep Stevie didn't get a head start," the cop said. "Maybe his line was busy and Whitey couldn't stick around to drop another dime in the phone. Or maybe he didn't make the call at all.

"It is fascinating, though. Guess the only way you're really gonna find out is to ask Stevie. But I don't think he'll tell ya anyway."

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HEADLINE: Whitey pal said to be back in Southie as the heat dies down

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI and SEAN FLYNN

BODY:

In a sign that normalcy is returning to reputed Winter Hill Gang boss James "Whitey" Bulger's hometown, a Bulger associate reportedly has resurfaced in South Boston, sources said yesterday.

Kevin Weeks, who law enforcement sources said is perhaps Bulger's closest confidant, was reportedly "laying low" while rumors of sweeping impending indictments ran rampant last week and another Bulger associate, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, was arrested in downtown Boston.

But Weeks wasn't even mentioned in passing in the 90-page, 37-count racketeering indictment unsealed Tuesday by federal prosecutors that named Bulger, Flemmi, reputed New England Mob boss Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme and four others.

"He's definitely around," one source said.

Weeks reportedly has denied published reports that he skipped town with Bulger and Bulger's girlfriend, Theresa Stanley of South Boston, the day before Flemmi's arrest, sources said.

Weeks, a South Boston native who now lives in Quincy, is one of the few people with whom Bulger actually meets, sources say.

That sort of circumspection had allowed Bulger to avoid being indicted before now and sources said federal prosecutors do not have him on tape - unlike the apparently gabby Salemme - in the current case.

Meanwhile, there were other signs that life in South Boston goes on as usual.

FBI and state police investigators searched Stanley's apartment on Silver Street Jan. 6 but there were no signs yesterday that anything was amiss.

Even Bulger's legendary popularity seemed intact.

"Don't waste your time, dear, the neighbors won't say anything," one elderly neighbor told a Herald reporter who was canvassing the neighborhood yesterday.

"Mr. Bulger is a lovely man, just a lovely man. He's a wonderful neighbor and he's taken great care of South Boston."

Both Bulger and Salemme remained at large last night after eluding a 100-person dragnet thrown across the state last week.

Whitey pal said to be back in Southie as the heat dies down The Boston Herald January 13, 1995 Friday

Law enforcement sources said a woman, who was with Flemmi the night he was arrested and who state police and federal agents could not hold without a warrant, may have spread a warning to the two reputed bosses.

-Peter Gelzinis contributed to this report.

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HEADLINE: Leaderless Mob's future uncertain

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

The New England Mob - stripped of its powerful bosses by a massive federal indictment - faces an uncertain period devoid of leadership, prone to turf wars and possible fragmentation.

As Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme and James "Whitey" Bulger remain on the lam in large part because of a pair of turncoat bookies, Mafia experts say all bets are off in predicting what will happen next.

"It's one big state of confusion," one longtime Mob expert said last week. "You can't predict it, there's just not enough structure left."

Though no one may try to reassert control for a while, that doesn't mean smaller turf wars won't erupt.

There have been a half-dozen shootings in the last year that have been attributed in one way or another to struggles for control or enmity between Mob-connected thugs.

Future battles between Salemme loyalists and anti-Salemme forces could be over what is left of the "rent" income from Mob-controlled loan-sharking, bookmaking and drug dealing.

Two Salemme associates - Robert Souza of Norwood and Richard Devlin of Brockton - were blown away in separate incidents last year.

Sources say these shootings were tied to the traditional North End Boston Mob faction once controlled by Gennaro "Jerry" Angiulo, who is now in prison, and his brothers.

None of the hoods doing the shooting is believed to have enough brains or power to take over any sizable territory, experts said.

But there are already several old "made" guys on the street, law enforcement sources say, including Vincent "Didi" Giacini, Cono Frizzi of Melrose and Richard Gambale of East Boston.

The most interesting possibility, sources said, could be the soon-to-be released Donato "Danny" Angiulo.

"Danny could move things here if he wanted," one federal agent said. "He's got all the Angiulo connections and he knows who all the bookies are and who should be paying money to who."

In Providence, where the Patriarca family was traditionally headquartered, "made" guys such as Louis "Baby Shanks" Manocchio could ascend to the top.

Theoretically, any transfer of power away from Salemme would have to be approved by the New York Mob, sources said.

Leaderless Mob's future uncertain The Boston Herald January 15, 1995 Sunday

While it is a possibility, few expect the New York families to export soldiers north to take a more active role. But knowledgeable sources said the still-powerful Gambino family had been propping up Salemme's leadership.

As for Bulger's Winter Hill Gang, most investigators expect that longtime associate Kevin Weeks of Quincy will mind the store while the boss is absent.

Weeks has reportedly resurfaced in South Boston after learning his name was not on last week's indictment.

Both Salemme, 61, of Sharon, and Bulger, 65, of South Boston, are now in hiding after being hit last week with a massive 37-count federal indictment charging racketeering, extortion, union bribery, loan-sharking, money laundering and attempted murder.

Testimony from bookmakers Burton "Chico" Krantz and James J. Katz, who are now cooperating with federal prosecutors, were central to the indictment.

According to the indictment, Salemme had been the boss since 1991 after Raymond "Junior" Patriarca was indicted and disgraced.

Technically, he is still the boss, but his control was so tenuous when he was around that no one believes he can control anything while on the run.

What happens now is anyone's guess, Mob-watchers say.

Citing previous leaks on the subject and the pending case, officials including U.S. Attorney Donald Stern, Boston FBI Special Agent in Charge Richard Swensen and State Police chief Col. Charles Henderson declined to be interviewed.

But experts predicted that New England organizations will go through "a period of stagnation" because there is no one left who is powerful enough, smart enough or foolish enough to become the next target of the State Police Special Services Unit and the FBI.

A investigator said anyone who tried to step forward now would be "nuts," because of all the attention.

"It would be like having 'Indict me' tattooed on your forehead," the source said.

This leaderless period could disintegrate into "regionalization" of power, with smaller factions controlling smaller areas - meaning the end of the "New England Mob" as it has been known since the 1920s.

One investigator said he found a tell-tale sign of the Mob's ill health - and how their traditional businesses were already in decline - during a recent conversation with an elderly woman in the North End.

"She came up to me and said 'I can't even book a number anymore,'" the source said. "Can't the LCN (La Cosa Nostra) even run a number anymore?"

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HEADLINE: 'Whitey' extortion alleged; Bulger said to threaten bar owner

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

Fugitive Winter Hill Gang boss James "Whitey" Bulger extorted \$ 50,000 from a former South Boston bar owner after putting a knife to his chest and offering to let him "buy his life," court documents made public yesterday charge.

Contrary to Bulger's reputation among some in South Boston as a neighborhood benefactor, the alleged extortion attempt came after the man had done Bulger a favor by getting a mortgage for a man who owed him drug money.

The allegations were contained in an affidavit by FBI Organized Crime Unit supervisor Edward M. Quinn, who testified yesterday at a detention hearing for longtime Bulger associate, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, 60, and alleged mobster, Robert "Bobby" DeLuca.

According to the affidavit, government witness Timothy A. Connolly owned a South Boston bar from 1984 to 1987, after which he became a mortgage broker in Waltham.

"In July of 1989, Connolly was asked to assist an associate of Bulger's to obtain a mortgage for a residence," the affidavit states. "Connolly was advised that the money was needed to pay off a cocaine debt of approximately \$ 40,000 owed to Bulger and Flemmi. Ultimately, albeit reluctantly and belatedly, Connolly was able to ensure that the loan was approved."

Shortly after the loan closed, Connolly was allegedly confronted by Bulger and Flemmi, who took him to the back of the Rotary Variety Store in South Boston.

"Bulger then drew a long-bladed knife from a sheath on his leg," Quinn's affidavit states. "Bulger angrily told Connolly that he had (expletive)-ed the mortgage recipient, called Connolly a (expletive) and punctuated his comments by stabbing nearby liquor cases repeatedly with the knife.

"In the presence of Flemmi, Bulger placed the tip of the knife against Connolly's shirt and told him that he (Connolly) was going to buy his life," the affidavit states.

Connolly eventually made two cash payments totaling \$ 35,000 to Bulger and Flemmi, according to the affidavit.

Federal prosecutors are seeking to detain Flemmi and DeLuca pending their trial on a major racketeering indictment unsealed last week. Bulger, 65, and reputed New England Mob boss Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme, 61, were also named in the indictment, but are still at large.

In support of a detention order, Quinn's affidavit also said Flemmi either threatened or tried to influence the government's two key witnesses, former bookmakers Burton "Chico" Krantz and James Katz.

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Quinn said Krantz has said that in the early 1980s Flemmi threatened that he "would end up like Barney Bloom," a former Boston bookmaker murdered during the 1970s. He also told Katz that he would make sure Katz was "well-cared for" in prison if he refused to testify before a grand jury, the affidavit says.

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HEADLINE: Bookie arrested on bail violation; Feds say Flemmi calling the shots

BYLINE: By RALPH RANALLI

BODY:

Federal prosecutors rearrested a Mob-connected bookmaker on charges of violating his bail conditions yesterday and charged his illegal activities were being directed by accused gangster Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, of Quincy.

The allegations surfaced at a bail hearing yesterday for Flemmi and Robert DeLuca of Providence, who were both indicted earlier this month with reputed New England Mob boss Francis P. "Cadillac Frank" Salemme and reputed Winter Hill Gang boss James "Whitey" Bulger.

Flemmi is a longtime associate of both Salemme and Bulger, who are still at large.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Brian Kelly handed U.S. Magistrate Judge Lawrence P. Cohen a 50-page motion to revoke the bail of Joseph A. Yerardi of Chestnut Hill, who is accused of running a bookmaking operation financed by the Winter Hill Gang.

In the motion, prosecutors revealed that a government informant had taped conversations with Yerardi, who was indicted in October 1993 and arrested in Florida under an assumed name last April. He was released on bail in July.

On the tapes, Yerardi asks informant John Kelley to help him collect debts owed to him from various gamblers and associates - a violation of his conditions of release.

But prosecutors brought the motion to Flemmi's hearing, Brian Kelly said, because the tapes also caught Yerardi saying his criminal activities were being "orchestrated by" Flemmi and accused Winter Hill Gang member John Martorano.

The motion also reveals that Martorano - a fugitive for 15 years before his arrest in Florida last week - was caught due to Kelley's tapes of Yerardi.

Yerardi is also alleged to have related a story to John Kelley about how Bulger and Flemmi intimidated a debtor into paying by threatening him in a basement with a machete and another weapon.

"And he says (the speaker is not named) 'Okay, it's all over buddy,'" Yerardi said. "And then he goes 'Ahhh, I'm, I'll pay! I'm gonna pay!'"

An affidavit released earlier this week also detailed an incident where Bulger allegedly threatened to kill a man in South Boston over a botched mortgage deal.

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BODY:

The retired FBI agent walked to the witness stand, still looking the part of a G-man. Gray suit. Nondescript tie. Silver hair. Eyes straight ahead.

Then came the questions that made him squirm, questions about a past he really didn't care to talk about.

Had he, John Morris, former chief of the FBI's Boston organized crime unit, exchanged Christmas gifts of books and liquor with mobsters James J. "Whitey" Bulger and Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi?

Yes, answered Morris.

Had he, John Morris, taken upward of \$ 6,000 from Bulger--one of Boston's most notorious tough guys--including \$ 1,000 to bring his girlfriend to a 1982 Drug Enforcement Administration conference in Georgia?

Yes, Morris admitted, he had.

Had Morris and other agents shielded Bulger and Flemmi from prosecution for 20 years because they were the most prized secret FBI informants in New England history?

Yes, Morris told the judge.

The agent testified for hours, then days, bearing witness to the fact that the FBI in Boston had protected some gangsters and sacrificed less powerful thugs in the pursuit of inside information.

While scores of other mobsters went to prison over the years, Bulger and Flemmi emerged from FBI stings unscathed. And Morris said he was taking cases of French Bordeaux and envelopes stuffed with cash from Bulger and Flemmi.

Agents even turned the other way when one squealer tried to tell them Flemmi and Bulger offered him money to kill an Oklahoma businessman, according to testimony. That squealer later took a bullet. A lot of bullets.

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The relationship between the FBI and Bulger and Flemmi is at the center of long pretrial hearings in a racketeering case in federal court in Boston.

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The case began with the arrest of Flemmi, reputed local boss Francis "Cadillac Frank" Salemme and other top mobsters on charges of racketeering and extortion. But the case was thrown into chaos with the disclosures that Bulger and Flemmi had been informants for most of the years they were making headlines as bad guys.

Now, before the mob trial can even begin, a judge is trying to decide if the relationship invalidates the case, and perhaps other prosecutions like it.

At the heart of the matter is Flemmi's claim that he and Bulger were told by the FBI they could do anything short of "clipping someone" without fear of prosecution. If Flemmi can prove he was promised immunity, a judge could toss out the 1995 racketeering indictments against him and Bulger.

And it wouldn't stop there.

Defense attorneys want get-out-of-jail-free cards handed to dozens of other Irish and Italian mobsters snared by potentially illegal FBI wiretaps--wiretaps that may be tainted by the relationship between Flemmi and his FBI handlers.

A Flemmi victory could overturn New England's most important federal racketeering convictions of the last 15 years, paving the way for new trials for the likes of New England Mafia boss Raymond "Junior" Patriarca of Providence, R.I. and Boston mob boss Gennaro "Jerry" Angiulo, both serving long sentences in federal prisons.

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The story of Bulger and Flemmi goes back a long time, back to the bloody gang wars of the 1960s, when they were young, brash punks making names for themselves on the parochial streets of South Boston.

Reared in the projects, Bulger was a tough kid from a large, old-fashioned Irish-Catholic family. While his younger brother, Billy, took the straight road, becoming a state representative and eventually president of the Massachusetts Senate, Whitey Bulger walked a crooked path.

Stolen cars, dope, gambling and finally bank robbery kept him in and out of prison.

He and Flemmi were known to authorities as part of the Winter Hill Gang, a motley crew of hoods of Italian and Irish descent headquartered in the blue-collar city of Somerville just north of Boston. They were renegades, although they had connections with the more established crime families in Boston's North End.

Nicknamed for his snowy hair, Whitey Bulger was a little guy with a bad attitude, a cagey man photographed so rarely that police complained they had only old mug shots to go by.

It seems police have always been looking for him, and newspaper readers around town liked to speculate over their coffee about where Bulger might be hiding.

For years, Flemmi was running right along with Bulger. But in the late 1970s, the pressure was not coming from the law, but from other local thugs who thought The Rifleman was cutting out a little too much territory for himself.

Things were heating up in the underworld, and at the same time the FBI was trying to recruit Flemmi as an informant.

Then, in 1978, FBI agent John Connolly--one of several agents from Bulger's South Boston neighborhood--got the phone call that seemed to be the start of a beautiful relationship.

It was Flemmi's boyhood pal, Bulger, with news that sent a chill down Connolly's spine: Undercover FBI agent Nicholas Gianturco had been marked for death.

Gianturco, deep undercover on a truck-hijacking case called Operation Lobster, had been found out by a gang of Charlestown leg-breakers, according to court records of the exchange.

The thugs, Bulger said, planned to kill Gianturco that night when he dropped by a deserted Hyde Park warehouse to see some stolen jewelry.

Connolly thanked Whitey, hung up the phone and pulled Gianturco off the case.

That tip, the agents still believe today, saved Gianturco's life and drew Bulger and Flemmi into the FBI fold. An amazing 20 years followed.

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As time passed, Bulger and Flemmi grew more valuable as informants and friends to agents like Gianturco, Connolly, Morris and H. Paul Rico, the guy who had recruited Flemmi as an informant.

Sometimes Gianturco or another agent would have dinner parties and Flemmi and Bulger would stop by with bottles of chardonnay.

As Bulger and Flemmi cemented their relationships with the FBI, agents made sure the informants were kept out of prison, according to testimony.

In 1979, FBI officials were said to have arranged to have Bulger and Flemmi dropped from an indictment for fixing horse races; a decade later, the agents warned Bulger and Flemmi to steer clear of the offices of a Roxbury bookmaker under FBI surveillance for police bribery.

The bookie was arrested. Bulger and Flemmi were free to go about their business.

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The mob hearings, going on in Boston for months now, have provided so much sensational testimony about the fine line between good and bad that it is hard to keep all the accounts straight.

One that stands out is the killing of Jai Alai promoter Roger Wheeler, who was shot between the eyes outside a Tulsa, Okla., country club in 1981.

The execution-style hit came after years of business disputes among Wheeler and his associates over expansion out of South Florida and legalized gambling in Connecticut.

In 1982, Edward Brian Halloran, a cocaine addict and former Winter Hill member, announced to the FBI that he wanted to provide evidence Flemmi and Bulger had offered him the contract on Wheeler's life. He said he had turned down the job.

But the agents decided Halloran was unreliable, denied him a spot in the Witness Protection Program and kicked him out the door. Word got out that Halloran had tried to snitch.

Weeks later Halloran and a friend were sitting in a car outside the Topside Bar in South Boston. They were shot. With his dying breath, Halloran named the gunman, who was arrested but never convicted.

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For the FBI, protecting Flemmi and Bulger was paying off.

Using insider information, agents were able to persuade a judge to allow a wiretap of local mob boss Gennaro Angiulo's North End headquarters on Prince Street in 1981.

After two years, Connolly and a pack of other agents had enough secret tapes to arrest Angiulo as he sat down to a plate of pork chops at his favorite Italian restaurant. He and several associates were sent to prison for racketeering.

No one outside the FBI would have guessed that Bulger and Flemmi had provided the tips in that case and many others.

By 1989, the feds were setting their sights on an upcoming Mafia induction ceremony in a Medford home.

Again, FBI agents asked a judge for a warrant to plant a wiretap. And once more, they left out one important part of the story: Their tips came from their friends in the Winter Hill Gang.

The tapes were a triumph, capturing some of the biggest names in the local mob as they mumbled ancient oaths and secret prayers.

But now, those same recordings could be turned on the FBI with severe consequences.

Defense attorneys for jailed Mafia bosses like Angiulo, Salemme and Patriarca are demanding that the wiretaps used against them be thrown out and the men freed.

If the judge had known the truth about Flemmi and Whitey, the lawyers say, the wiretaps would never have been allowed in the first place. Wiretaps are generally authorized by the courts only as a last resort—when they are the only way information can be obtained. It is hard for the FBI to argue that these wiretaps meet this test, defense lawyers say, when the agency had such good sources already on the inside.

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Furthermore, the lawyers say, the FBI's cozy relationship with the informants all but gave them carte blanche to commit crimes.

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As years passed, agents like Gianturco, Connolly and Morris retired or were reassigned to other bureaus. Flemmi and Bulger distanced themselves from the new agents, who saw them as clear enemies.

On a January morning in 1995, 66-year-old Bulger was winding up the last leg of a cross-country car trip when he heard that he was about to be indicted on federal racketeering charges.

He kept on driving.

Neither he nor his longtime companion, Catherine Grieg, have been seen since.

Flemmi was not so lucky.

Today Flemmi, 62, along with archrival Salemme, now 64, are incarcerated in the same cellblock in the Plymouth County House of Correction.

The snitch and the snitched-on make the daily trips to the federal courthouse in Boston, shackled side by side in a van.

In court, details of the relationship keep pouring out, and the odd juxtaposition of the good guys and the bad guys continues.

When Rico, the former FBI man now in his 70s, took the stand in January, Flemmi smiled and waved to his old friend from the jury box.

Rico smiled faintly and waved back.

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, left, and James J. "Whitey" Bulger, in four views at right, were FBI informants for 20 years. Now, Flemmi is charged with racketeering and extortion, but his FBI ties could free him and spring others already in prison. Bulger is a fugitive. **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Associated Press

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FUGITIVE'S EXPLOITS LEGENDARY IN HOMETOWN.

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BODY:

Where's Whitey?

This city's home-grown parlor game--the Boston equivalent of Elvis sightings--took on new impetus last month when crime lord and onetime FBI informant James "Whitey" Bulger was named to the FBI's 10 most-wanted list. The hunt for the 70-year-old career criminal--a near-mythic figure who disappeared in 1995 after being indicted on racketeering charges--gained more momentum when Bulger was implicated this month in some of the deaths of up to 20 people rubbed out by a Mafia hit man.

Conceding that it was "highly unusual" for a former informant to join the 10 most wanted, U.S. Atty. Donald Stern called the plea agreement his office struck with hit man John Martorano an important step toward bringing Bulger to justice.

"It can only help," Stern said in an interview. "Every local police department and state police agency throughout the country will now have Whitey Bulger's name and picture on the wall."

Last Wednesday, bolstering the government's position, U.S. District Judge Mark L. Wolf refused to uphold a claim by Bulger's sidekick, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, that the FBI promised the pair immunity in exchange for information. He did, however, bar authorities from using some key evidence gathered via eavesdropping. In addition to tying Bulger and Flemmi to the killings, officials here hope the admitted murderer can advance a grand jury's investigation into the FBI's conduct in its years-long organized crime investigation.

The case of Bulger and his confederates offers a fascinating window into the exploits of what was once the nation's most organized network of Irish mobsters, who fought for turf with rivals in the New England Mafia. Longtime residents of South Boston, the Irish American stronghold where Bulger was without question the most powerful man around, are not confident that prosecutors will ever find their man. "I think he's gone forever," said Michael Patrick MacDonald, born 33 years ago in a gritty housing project.

For decades, Whitey Bulger ruled as South Boston's version of a supreme godfather. You needed shoes for your kid? Whitey took care of it. Trouble with the Boston Housing Authority, manager of the neighborhood's numerous housing projects? Whitey took care of it. Some guy roughed up your daughter? Whitey took care of him, better believe it.

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"You had a husband giving a wife a hard time, that's the stuff you went to him for," said Peggy Davis-Mullen, a South Boston native who represents her community on Boston's City Council. "Even growing up, there was this dichotomy. You knew that he was a guy that was involved in organized crime, but you also had--I've got to be honest with you--regard for the man. I don't know what he did when he was doing his business, whatever his business was, but I know that he was a guy on the street and that he was good to people that were poor."

But while handing out favors to the needy, Whitey also was busy running crime in the area that residents call Southie and in other parts of the region. "A reign of terror," said journalist and former Boston mayoral candidate Christopher Lydon. "Twenty-plus years of thug-ocracy."

Bulger controlled the community's drug trade and ran a well-known band of crooks called the Winter Hill Gang, which had an impressive trade in bookmaking, extortion, racketeering and money laundering. "He was in charge," said MacDonald, author of "All Souls," a new memoir about growing up in South Boston. "Nothing illegal happened without his stamp of approval."

Bulger plays an important role in the book, which has half of South Boston furious because MacDonald washes the neighborhood's dirty linen in public and the other half overjoyed for the same reason. MacDonald, one of 11 children, grew up to help launch Boston's successful gun-buyback program and to found the South Boston Vigil Group. One of MacDonald's brothers died at 25 in an armored-car heist while working for Whitey Bulger. Another brother was in jail for a jewelry store robbery--also a Bulger project, according to MacDonald--when he was found hanged at 22.

According to the extensive lore of a community that loves its legends, Bulger was crafty, meticulous and smart in a terrifying way. His ice-blue eyes were merciless. His one extended prison stay for bank robbery only added to his mystique. After all, Whitey did time at Alcatraz.

Women loved him. His longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, now 49, has apparently been his companion since he went on the lam.

In many ways, Southie, with its 30,000 residents, is separate from the city that surrounds it, cut off by water as well as fierce neighborhood politics. When the schools of the largely Irish American community were forcibly integrated by busing in the 1970s, South Boston became infamous as the northernmost outpost of racial hatred and tension.

In recent years, the houses on one side of Broadway, the main drag, are suddenly sporting new paint jobs and fancy price tags. City Point, the section that juts into the harbor, is verging on fashionable. Broadway even boasts a cappuccino bar.

In their time, the Bulgers were a kind of royal family. Whitey was the bad boy. His older brother, Billy, was the more legitimate politician. As president for decades of the Massachusetts Senate, William Bulger wielded more power than most governors. In perfectly tailored suits, he fostered an image of refinement. He prided himself on his command of the classics and spoke Latin at the dinner table.

William Bulger, who does not talk about his brother's record, is now president of the University of Massachusetts. Still, MacDonald views him as a powerful poseur.

"William," he snorted. "What kind of Irishman is named William?" It was William of Orange who imposed British rule on Ireland.

MacDonald is no kinder in his assessment of Whitey Bulger. "We had the code of silence bred into us, thanks to Whitey. He built this sense that it was us against them, the poor Irish of South Boston against everyone else. Then he turned out to be the biggest snitch of all."

Since at least the mid-1970s, federal officials say, Whitey Bulger was a confidential informant for the FBI. No one in South Boston would have dreamed then that Bulger was snitching, but information that has tumbled out since his disappearance shows he maintained a cushy relationship with FBI agents over 20 years.

Without agreeing to testify, Bulger provided information that led to the apprehension and conviction of numerous important criminals. Such information, some agents say, helped crack the hold of powerful mobsters, including the Patriarca crime family, for whom John Martorano was a capo and hit man.

Lengthy negotiations led to the plea agreement with Martorano unsealed here last week. The 58-year-old ex-high school football star bartered a guilty plea to 10 murders in Massachusetts--as well as one in Oklahoma and another in Florida--for a prison sentence of 12 1/2 to 15 years.

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Although Martorano's plea documents refer to 20 murders "aided and abetted" by "John Doe #1" and/or "John Doe #2," Stern said it would "not be unreasonable" to substitute the names of Whitey Bulger and Stephen Flemmi for the two Does. Sources told the Boston Globe that Martorano specifically implicated Bulger and Flemmi in many of those killings. Eighteen of the murders Martorano describes were committed in Massachusetts, the last in 1976. Most of the victims were rival mob members.

Flemmi, 64, is incarcerated on a variety of charges. His lawyer, Kenneth Fishman, blasted the deal with Martorano as a desperate move.

"The government is clearly trying to deflect attention from its own conduct over a period of 30 years during which it utilized Mr. Flemmi and later Mr. Bulger in its so-called war on organized crime and then shamelessly abandoned them by reneging on its promises," Fishman said.

Federal officials make no secret of the fact that they hope information provided by Martorano will strengthen a corruption case against several former FBI agents here. Among the charges under investigation by the grand jury is a claim by a former FBI supervisor, John Morris, that he took thousands of dollars in payoffs from Bulger and Flemmi. Under a grant of immunity, Morris also admitted that he warned Bulger and Flemmi about an FBI wiretap.

Stern does not hide his abhorrence for the agreement his office crafted with Martorano. "Making a plea agreeing with someone who has admitted to murdering 20 people in cold blood ranks as one of the most distasteful things I have had to do as U.S. attorney."

Some of the family members of Martorano's victims share his sentiments. Richard J. Castucci Jr. recalled identifying his father's corpse in the trunk of a car. Castucci said he was devastated by the government's deal with Martorano.

Meanwhile, Stern said the hunt for Whitey Bulger remains a priority. His departure was so clean that authorities suspect he had prepared for it for years.

His icy intelligence has helped Bulger stay ahead of what Stern insists is "a very active fugitive investigation." Bulger is also disciplined and determined, authorities say. For a time, for example, he is known to have lived in a Louisiana trailer park. Less adaptable crime lords, they note, might have considered that a comedown.

Bulger was spotted most recently in 1997 at an Irish festival in West Palm Beach, Fla., and in 1998 in Sloan, Iowa. After that, said Stern, "the trail has gone cold. What we are hoping for is a break or two."

Fat chance, said MacDonald: "They'll never find Whitey."

GRAPHIC: PHOTO: (2 photos) FBI photos show James "Whitey" Bulger in 1991, left, and 1994. Officials say their search for the fugitive remains a priority, though "the trail has gone cold." **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Associated Press

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BYLINE: MEG JAMES, TIMES STAFF WRITER

BODY:

The globe-trotting Godfather of South Boston--a storied gangster on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List on suspicion of racketeering, extortion and 20 unsolved slayings--may have been spotted in Orange County, the federal agency said Tuesday.

Officials would not say whether James "Whitey" Bulger, who once did time in Alcatraz for bank robbery, was actually seen in Orange County. However, a tipster called authorities after a woman believed to be Bulger's girlfriend, Catherine E. Greig, had her hair done at a Fountain Valley salon.

Bulger and Greig were featured on a Jan. 29 segment of "America's Most Wanted."

She is 49, petite with blue eyes, a dental hygienist by occupation--and a memorable hair client. Authorities say she visits a salon only once and brings her own hair dye with her. While she is inside the salon, a mysterious man--whom Greig identifies as her husband--typically waits outside in a car.

It was unclear Tuesday night exactly when Greig might have been seen and whether Bulger also was in Fountain Valley.

Bulger, now 70, was indicted five years ago with several other New England crime figures on racketeering and extortion charges. Bulger, known as Jimmy Blue Eyes, is accused of holding a knife to a mortgage broker's throat at a South Boston variety store to extort \$ 50,000.

Six months ago, he was implicated in the deaths of as many as 20 people killed by a Mafia hit man and was placed on the Most Wanted List. The FBI is offering \$ 250,000 for information that leads to Bulger's arrest.

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HEADLINES: HOUSE BLOCKS CHANGE TO ORGAN POLICY

WASHINGTON Taking on an issue that means life or death to transplant patients, the House voted Tuesday to block a Clinton administration effort to move more hearts, livers and kidneys to those who are closest to death.

The bill would strip the Department of Health and Human Services of its power to set transplant policy and comes after years of tension between HHS and the United Network for Organ Sharing, the private firm that has long run the transplant system under a government contract.

The House approved the measure, 275-147, shy of the 290 votes needed to override a promised presidential veto. It also agreed, by voice vote, to an amendment that would kill HHS regulations directing more organs to the sickest patients -- even if they live far from the donor.

The legislation also encourages organ donation, something all sides support. It calls for financial assistance for living donors who give away a kidney or part of a liver, and offers grants for states to encourage donation.

Mori set to become

Japanese prime minister

TOKYO -- Japan's Parliament elected ruling party chief Yoshiro Mori as the new prime minister Wednesday, ending a political crisis created by the sudden collapse of Keizo Obuchi, who was on life support after suffering a stroke.

The former trade minister was elected in a binding lower house vote following his installment earlier in the day as president of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party. The upper house later voted its approval.

Obuchi held both posts, but has been in a coma since his sudden collapse on Sunday.

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The entire Cabinet resigned Tuesday, paving the way for the quick selection of a new prime minister.

Mori vowed to stick with Obuchi's reforms, noting that his greatest task would be to continue efforts to bring Japan's economy out of its decade-long slump.

Alleged mob boss may

be in Orange County

LOS ANGELES -- An alleged Boston mob boss who is on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list may be in Orange County, the agency said Monday.

James J. "Whitey" Bulger, suspected in 20 killings, and his longtime girlfriend, Catherine E. Greig, have been sighted in the region, the FBI announced.

FBI spokeswoman Cheryl Mimura said she had no details about where or when the sightings took place.

Bulger, 70, was indicted in January 1995 on racketeering and extortion charges, and Greig was charged in April 1997 with harboring a federal fugitive.

Bulger is suspected of controlling a crime organization in Boston that is closely associated with the Mafia, the FBI said.

A \$250,000 reward is being offered for information leading to his arrest.

According to his poster on an FBI Web site (<http://www.fbi.gov/mostwant/topten/fugitives/bulger.htm>), he carries a knife, is violent-tempered and is considered extremely dangerous.

11 Americans injured

in clash with Serbs

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia -- Kosovo Serbs angry over the arrest of a Serb for illegal weapons possession clashed Tuesday with NATO peacekeepers, leaving 11 Americans and one Pole injured, the U.S. military said.

The independent Yugoslav news agency Beta said 14 Serbs were also hurt, including 10 who were struck by rubber bullets fired in an attempt to break up a Serbian crowd.

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Pentagon spokesman Air Force Lt. Col. Vic Warzinski said the confrontation lasted about eight hours before the crowd of Serbs who confronted a U.S. unit was dispersed and the U.S. and Polish troops left the scene.

Warzinski said the most serious injury to U.S. troops was a broken hand.

-- Wires edited by Ed Kamlan

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Mob Suspect 'Whitey' Bulger May Have Been Spotted in O.C.

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MEG JAMES
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The globe-trotting Godfather of South Boston--a storied gangster on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List on suspicion of racketeering, extortion and 20 unsolved slayings--may have been spotted in Orange County, the federal agency said Tuesday.

Officials would not say whether James "Whitey" Bulger, who once did time in Alcatraz for bank robbery, was actually seen in Orange County. However, a tipster called authorities after a woman believed to be Bulger's girlfriend, Catherine E. Greig, had her hair done at a Fountain Valley salon.

Bulger and Greig were featured on a Jan. 29 segment of "America's Most Wanted."

She is 49, petite with blue eyes, a dental hygienist by occupation--and a memorable hair client. Authorities say she visits a salon only once and brings her own hair dye with her. While she is inside the salon, a mysterious man--whom Greig identifies as her husband--typically waits outside in a car.

It was unclear Tuesday night exactly when Greig might have been seen and whether Bulger also was in Fountain Valley.

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One brother went bad. The other chose respectability.

This week, the paths of legendary gangster James J. "Whitey" Bulger—a fugitive since 1995—and his brother William Bulger—former head of this state's Senate and now president of the University of Massachusetts—are colliding in a highly public way.

As William Bulger's university prepares to host the first presidential debate Tuesday, excavation crews were digging within shouting distance of the Boston campus for bodies linked to his brother, who was indicted Thursday on 21 counts of murder. Since January, five bodies have been dug up not far from where George W. Bush will face off with Al Gore.

Advising politicians and media types descending on the city for the debate, Boston Herald columnist Howie Carr wrote Friday: "When you glance south from UMass-Boston and you see the backhoes and the Bobcats digging there . . . don't ask William Bulger what they're digging for."

Known widely by his nickname, Whitey Bulger was feared as a ruthless gang leader who demanded fierce loyalty. For 25 years he served as an FBI informant, sometimes winning praise for the invaluable information he was said to have provided.

But prosecutors say he was also a vicious killer.

"The victims include strangers who happened to be in the wrong place, longtime criminal associates, friends and others," said U.S. Atty. Donald K. Stern.

One victim was a gang girlfriend. Another was the daughter of a mobster's live-in companion who apparently asked too many questions. Investigators say the 12-year killing spree stretched as far as Tulsa, Okla., but most of the killings occurred in Boston.

Whitey Bulger Seen as Ultimate Godfather

Beyond the ironic timing, the indictments of Whitey Bulger and his longtime associate Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi offered a chilling reminder of a partnership the FBI might prefer to forget.

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As head of the Winter Hill gang here, Whitey Bulger allegedly controlled most of the city's drug traffic. The indictment alleges he had already killed seven people and wounded five others when the FBI approached him to serve as an informant against rivals in the New England Mafia.

In South Boston, Whitey Bulger operated as a kind of supreme godfather.

"You had a husband giving a wife a hard time, that's the stuff you went to him for," said Peggy Davis-Mullen, a South Boston native who represents her community on Boston's City Council.

Michael Patrick MacDonald, author of "All Souls: A Family Story From Southie," his memoir about South Boston, said that along with drugs, Whitey Bulger traded in bookmaking, extortion, racketeering and money laundering.

"He was in charge," MacDonald said. "Nothing illegal happened without his stamp of approval."

During his tenure as a government informant, Whitey Bulger allegedly killed at least 11 people. The Bulger case has produced a revision of FBI informant policies, said Charles S. Prouty, recently appointed as special agent in charge of the FBI's Boston office. The case, Prouty said, "is repugnant to all FBI employees."

U.S. Atty. Stern called the matter "a deep stain on the FBI."

Former FBI agent John J. Connolly Jr., who served as the agency's handler for Bulger and Flemmi, previously was indicted on racketeering charges. Connolly is accused of tipping off the gangsters about investigations. He also is accused of alerting Bulger in 1995 as he was about to be indicted on racketeering charges.

While testifying under a grant of immunity, former FBI supervisor John Morris admitted taking bribes from Bulger and Flemmi. Flemmi, 66, has been jailed since 1995, awaiting trial on racketeering and other charges.

3 Victims Buried in House Basement

Among other details, the murder indictment reveals that three Bulger victims were buried in the basement of a South Boston house. Authorities say that when the house was about to be sold the bodies were exhumed and moved to a makeshift grave in the Dorchester section of Boston. Acting on a tip, investigators unearthed those bodies in January.

Investigators continued to dig Friday along the Neponset River in Quincy, south of Boston. The site is believed to be the burial spot of Flemmi's longtime girlfriend, Debra Davis, 26, who disappeared in 1981 after planning to leave him for another man.

The grim excavation on beaches and in marshes just south of the city has become an object of curiosity for joggers, dog walkers and even school groups. Not far from the Big Dig, Boston's 10-year highway reconstruction project, the search for mob bodies has been dubbed "the Little Dig" by local TV and radio commentators.

Whitey Bulger, now 71, has emerged as a local pop icon. Since his disappearance, "Whitey" sightings have become the Boston equivalent of imagined glimpses of Elvis Presley.

But no one has come close to claiming the \$ 250,000 federal reward offered for the gangster's capture.

William Bulger, 66, avoids the press and never comments on questions pertaining to his brother.

Whitey Bulger is believed to be in hiding with his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, now 51.

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Life on the Lam Works for Mythic Irish Mobster
'Whitey' Bulger, whose careers allegedly included racketeer and FBI informant, fled South Boston in 1995, just ahead of indictment. He's still one jump ahead of law.

LARRY McSHANE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOSTON

After retiring at age 66, the old man abandoned his beloved South Boston for a lengthy vacation.

James "Whitey" Bulger had little alternative. Even if he stayed, the one-time head of Boston's notorious Winter Hill mob was going away for a long time.

It was January 1995, and the nation's last great Irish gangster faced indictment for the first time in three decades. A racketeering and extortion conviction would guarantee Bulger's death behind bars.

And then, before the feds moved in, poof! Whitey Bulger vanished.

Six years later, he remains at large—a life on the lam that has both destroyed and remade his reputation. In absentia, Whitey Bulger has gone from stand-up guy to running man, from local Robin Hood to simple murderous hood.

Bulger, the lone senior citizen on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, is said to be linked to 18 murders. The balding, bespectacled fugitive has logged a record six appearances on "America's Most Wanted." This month, he and an associate were charged with killing businessmen in Florida and Oklahoma; now he could face the death penalty.

There's a \$1-million bounty on his head; fellow FBI fugitives in his league include international terrorist Osama bin Laden and alleged Olympic Park bomber Eric Rudolph.

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But neither of them ever shared a glass of wine with FBI agents, as Bulger did while serving as both federal informant and mob boss for some 20 years. And neither of them fled after receiving a tip from one of those agents, as Bulger allegedly did.

The FBI man, fellow Southie native John Connolly, has pleaded not guilty to his own racketeering charges.

Bulger, at age 71, remains two things: a free man and a source of embarrassment to FBI officials, who fight a perception in Boston that their pursuit of Bulger lacks a certain . . . enthusiasm.

"There's still a huge debate about whether the FBI is sincere in its efforts to catch Whitey," says Dick Lehr, co-author of "Black Mass," an extraordinary book on Bulger's reign.

Michael Davis, whose sister was one of Bulger's alleged victims, has waited 19 years for the arrest of her killer. He complained last year when investigators stopped digging for bodies at a suburban mob graveyard without finding his sister Debbie's remains.

"I just think they dug where they were pointed at," he complained, citing an informant's tip as opposed to any police work. His sister's body was eventually found in October, buried in a shallow grave on the banks of the Neponset River in Quincy.

FBI officials acknowledge that the stepped-up Bulger manhunt--the reward was bumped to seven figures in November--is part law enforcement, part public relations.

"A group of people out there believe we don't want to find him. It's certainly not the truth," says Supervisory Special Agent Tom Cassano of the Boston office. The search, he says, is the most intensive of his 30-year career.

The truth is that Bulger, still toting the knife that helped him carve his notoriety, is somewhere out there, financed by a national network of safe deposit boxes, each loaded with cash by Bulger in the late 1970s.

Unlike recidivist mobsters such as Sammy "The Bull" Gravano, Bulger lives clean. Traveling with longtime girlfriend Catherine Greig, he avoids the single misstep that could land him in jail.

His double life as mobster/snitch, coupled with his long flight from justice, is the stuff of movies. Already, Matt Damon and Ben Affleck are mentioned as possible leads.

"Bulger had an image that was mythic," Lehr says. "What's fascinating to me is the FBI's role in creating and perpetuating that myth."

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In recent years, Bulger employed a variety of aliases: Thomas Baxter, Mark Shapeton, Tom Harris--the last a possible homage to the author who dreamed up elusive mass murderer Hannibal Lecter (Bulger's wanted poster pops up briefly in the film "Hannibal").

But Bulger is no literary figure. He's an old-school mobster who did time on The Rock--Alcatraz penitentiary--before returning to his native Boston and a life of crime.

Arrested first at age 17, Bulger developed a fearsome reputation among the Irish and Italian gangs that shared Boston's organized crime. The blond-haired thug ran with a gang called the Shamrocks.

"They're all the same," a Massachusetts state trooper once said of the local mobsters, "except some of them have their O's at the beginning of their name, and some have O's at the end."

Bulger's Alcatraz stay, part of a 9-year federal rap, was his last trip behind bars.

When Bulger returned to Southie in 1965, his brother Billy was the local state senator, helped into office by volunteers like John Connolly. Billy, who later became Senate president, now heads the University of Massachusetts.

Whitey followed a similar arc in his disparate career. He fell in with the Winter Hill gang, the Gaelic equivalent of a Mafia family. When bad luck befell its former leader--Bulger reputedly sprayed him with machine-gun fire--Whitey ascended.

Despite the violence, Bulger was often viewed as a benevolent rogue, as likely to buy a local kid an ice cream cone as to break somebody's head. Southie's own Robin Hood, folks in the insular neighborhood liked to say.

That would change.

In the fall of 1975, Bulger was recruited as an informant by a hotshot FBI agent--his brother's ex-campaign volunteer, Connolly. They first met at midnight on Wollaston Beach near Southie. It was, prosecutors say, the meeting that changed everything.

Connolly had recruited a TB, a "top echelon" informant in FBI-speak, and he would protect his snitch. Within a year, authorities now say, Connolly accepted a bribe from Bulger: a diamond ring. By the end of 1976, an FBI informant was allegedly killed after Connolly tipped Bulger about the turncoat.

A pattern was established, authorities said: Bulger alerted Connolly to the crooked activity of his competition,

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and Connolly warned Bulger about government efforts to put him in jail.

"This was not a bank robbery, or bribing a public official one time," Lehr says. "This is a history that spans the next 20 years."

Over those two decades, according to federal indictments, the alliance turned Bulger into Boston's most powerful mobster and Connolly into an FBI star.

Bulger and sidekick Steve "The Rifleman" Flemmi enjoyed a certain criminal carte blanche: shakedowns, extortion, drug deals, murder upon murder upon murder—all without prosecution, authorities said. Connolly's tips to Bulger and Flemmi about three informants allegedly boosted the body count. All later were killed.

Their partnership ended when Connolly allegedly alerted Bulger to the impending 1995 indictment. Six years later, the FBI agent stands charged as just another Southie gangster, accused of racketeering, conspiracy and obstruction of justice. He remains free on bond, awaiting his trial.

It took until last year, with an informant's help, to find some of the victims. Five bodies, including the skeletal remains of a man buried a few hundred yards from Bulger's old home, were dug up.

The alleged Bulger-Connolly connection remains a touchy subject in the Boston FBI office. "We can't talk about all the ongoing stuff," says Gail Marcinkiewicz, a spokesperson.

But Bulger's presence still lingers. Opposite the sixth-floor elevators in the FBI office, his wanted poster stares out from the wall.

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The coming indictment sent Bulger south to New York City. Once there, he dumped his old identity and became a new man: Thomas Barrett.

Like Bonnie and Clyde on Geritol—or in his case, the heart medication Atenolol—Whitey and Catherine stay on the move. Sightings have come in from Louisiana, Mississippi, California, Wyoming, Iowa, Florida, New York. Tips still arrive daily.

In the summer of 1996, he evaded police in a New York City suburb. That same year, he visited a New Orleans bank and emerged with a cash-heavy briefcase apparently loaded from a safe deposit box.

"The thing that's unique about Bulger is that he's got sufficient funds to stay out of trouble," says Cassano. How much? If Bulger is apprehended and convicted, he faces forfeiture of \$10 million in assets.

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Henry Wellman was Bulger's landlord for six weeks in 1996, unwittingly setting the fugitive up in a two-bedroom apartment in the small fishing town of Grande Isle, La.

"Just an elderly guy with his wife, the grandfather type," Wellman recalls. "A nice guy, stayed to himself."

Bulger complained about the heat, went for nightly walks, and left as quietly as he arrived. Weeks later, Wellman and his wife, Barbara, were visited by the local chief of police. The FBI, he said, had questions about their tenants. Seemed the man was the head of Boston's Irish Mafia.

Wellman recalls his response: "You gotta be kidding me."

Bulger's abandoned car, with gas receipts from Grand Isle, was found in New Jersey. Where Bulger headed from there was anyone's guess.

It took four years for the next confirmed sighting: February 2000 in Fountain Valley, Calif., where Catherine had some work done at a local beauty parlor while Bulger waited in a car. That trail, too, went cold.

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Whitey Bulger needs no disguise now.

Traveling with Catherine, who turns 50 next month, he sports sunglasses and a baseball cap. The once-feared gangster looks more grandfather than godfather, just another anonymous senior citizen.

"Go down to Florida," Cassano says dolefully, "and you'll see thousands of them."

Despite Bulger's amazing success, the odds of an arrest still favor the FBI. Since 1950, 458 criminals have made the 10 Most Wanted list. All but 29 were eventually taken into custody—an arrest rate of 94%.

Just last month, Oklahoma officials announced that they believed Bulger might be frequenting gay establishments and nudist colonies. They also said Bulger's refusal to visit a dentist since fleeing Boston had left him with permanent bad breath.

While on the run, Bulger has tried to resurrect his Robin Hood role. The FBI has tales of Bulger buying appliances for acquaintances made on the road, or springing for a pet's visit to the veterinarian.

Back in Boston, that image is forever lost. His crime spree far outpaces the work of "Boston Strangler" Albert DeSalvo, who killed 11. He's accused of poisoning his beloved neighborhood with drugs. He killed with impun-

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ity. He turned on his friends.

"He was mythic. He was rock solid, the ultimate stand-up guy. And now he's a rat. He's been exposed," Lehr says.

"The myth of Whitey Bulger is totally shattered now."

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In the hub of this city's large Irish American community, there is an old saying about the brothers who long ruled the streets.

One Bulger boy sticks you up with the gavel, the South Boston adage holds, and the other sticks you up with a gun.

But now William Bulger, who for 17 years served as president of this state's Senate, has been deposed from his prestigious post as head of the University of Massachusetts.

His brother James "Whitey" Bulger -- a gangster wanted in connection with 21 murders, among other charges -- has been missing since 1995, just after federal agents tipped him off that he was about to be indicted.

With one out of office and the other on the lam, many in and around South Boston were left to wonder late last week: Has the curtain dropped on the Bulger brothers?

"Is this the end of this tawdry, pathetic story?" asked novelist Dennis Lehane. "Unless Whitey comes back, yes."

Publicly, the younger Bulger -- the respectable one -- spent 45 years trying to distance himself from a brother who ran this city's most notorious crime mob, controlled the Boston drug trade and became an informant to the Boston office of the FBI.

Rogue agent John Connolly -- raised in South Boston and currently in prison on corruption charges -- helped recruit Whitey Bulger and his mobster sidekick Stephen "the Rifleman" Flemmi to provide information on underworld crime.

Raised in South Boston's most dismal, dangerous housing project, Billy and Whitey -- as the two blond, blue-eyed brothers were known -- grew up to live in brick row houses in the same iron-tight neighborhood, just a few feet apart.

Their homes were near St. Augustine's, which is a parish church that is so vast it looks like it could swallow this city's cathedral.

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As the brothers rose in the ranks of their chosen areas of endeavor, their story invited decades of comparisons. The Bulgers were likened to Cain and Abel, to tragic figures from Shakespeare or to denizens of Greek drama.

But Lehane, whose seven novels are set in fictional neighborhoods not unlike the clannish realm of South Boston, rejected the notion that the Bulgers represent some "grand, epic saga" of the city.

"The whole idea that they are fighting for the larger themes, Shakespearean themes, is ridiculous," he said. "It gives them too much legitimacy."

Lehane grew up buying liquor under age from a South Boston "package store" owned by Whitey Bulger. The gangster took the business over when he and several associates reportedly held the previous owner's toddler daughter at gunpoint and announced that from now on, the store was theirs. That is what the previous owners said in an unsuccessful lawsuit when they tried to regain ownership.

The Bulgers flourished in the "them vs. us" culture of Irish immigrants living in South Boston, Lehane said.

The neighborhood known as Southie is only a few miles from the Back Bay of Boston's Brahmins -- but is a separate world in many ways. South Boston lies in sight of the landing strips at Logan Airport, but fosters its fiercely insular mentality, right down to a theme song that begins: "I'm proud to be from Southie."

In this setting, both Bulgers benefited from a sense that "as long as they help their own people, we'll look the other way," Lehane said.

In a chain of political successes that began in 1960, when he won his first election to the state House of Representatives at age 26, William Bulger made sure the people of South Boston were taken care of. His brother, meanwhile, "flooded his own streets with heroin," Lehane said.

Testifying in June before a congressional committee investigating his brother's role as an FBI informant, William Bulger insisted that he knew nothing about his elder sibling's criminal activities.

"But how could you live next door and not know?" Lehane asked. "How could you not know?"

William Bulger's cool composure before the committee prompted a former lieutenant of his brother's Winter Hill gang to borrow from the bard.

"Being that William Bulger is an authority on Shakespeare, I got a quote," said Edward J. MacKenzie Jr., whose book "Street Soldier" deals with his role as an "enforcer" for Whitey Bulger.

"The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose," MacKenzie said. "That's from 'The Merchant of Venice.'" Whitey Bulger was bound sooner or later to bring his brother down, MacKenzie said: "It was inevitable."

The younger brother, at 69 years old, simply played by the rules of the South Boston streets, said MacKenzie.

"In the projects, you grow up with your brothers in a small, crowded flat. Not only do you form a fierce loyalty to the people in the neighborhood, but you form a more fierce loyalty to your siblings," he said.

But MacKenzie predicted that William Bulger would be back, "faking his Irish hrogue and feeding at the public trough."

Radio host and onetime Boston mayoral candidate Christopher Lydon said he sometimes wonders what his father, who was raised in South Boston, would think about the collaboration between Whitey Bulger and the FBI.

"I imagine him saying, 'What? The cops were working for the killers?'" Lydon said.

Along with his testimony in Washington, William Bulger's resignation puts a new edge on the mythology of South Boston, Lydon said.

"Bill Bulger's predecessor in the state Senate from South Boston, Johnny Powers, used to say about the Bulger brothers: 'It's as if Al Capone's brother were running the Illinois statehouse and everybody just agreed not to talk about it,'" Lydon said.

"That's the sort of dream world of corrupt denial that Massachusetts politics has been living with," he said.

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At his small antiques store on East Broadway, in the heart of South Boston, proprietor Erik Diedrichsen said William Bulger's abrupt resignation came as no surprise, especially after the university president stonewalled the congressional committee seeking information about his brother.

"How much more could they take?" asked Diedrichsen.

But William Bulger walked off with a million-dollar settlement from the university and the largest government pension in state history, between \$240,000 and \$300,000 per year.

"He's got his name and his power base," said Diedrichsen. "He can do pretty much anything he wants -- especially around here."

GRAPHIC: KEEPING COOL: William Bulger maintained his composure while testifying about his older brother.

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RUNNING MAN: Authorities say James "Whitey" Bulger, in an undated photo released by the FBI in 1998, ran Boston's most notorious crime syndicate and controlled the city's drug trade. **PHOTOGRAPHER:** Associated Press

WANTED: James Bulger, who became an FBI informant, disappeared in 1995 after federal agents tipped him off.

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For now, he's merely the "Senior Citizen Bandit" -- an elderly man believed to have held up three Orange County banks in the last week. Much more intriguing, however, is whether there's any chance under the warm California sun that he's James "Whitey" Bulger, a crime figure legend in Boston and on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list.

The bureau hasn't linked him to the Orange County robberies, the latest of which was Thursday in Laguna Niguel.

Polite society always has had a perverse fascination with famous gangsters, and the mere mention of Bulger's name reverberated Thursday in Boston, where even in absentia his mystique hasn't diminished.

Shelley Murphy covers organized crime for the Boston Globe and had heard the Bulger rumor when I phoned her Thursday. "Bulger is a huge story here," she says. "It's been a huge story for a long time."

And in pursuit of guilty pleasures, I ask her why. "He's always been part of folklore here," Murphy says. "The thing about him is early on in his career there was sort of this Robin Hood myth that he was this good-hearted guy. But since he fled Boston and since they uncovered the graves of some of his [alleged] victims, including women, they no longer believe he's this kind-hearted guy who bought turkey for people in the projects on Thanksgiving."

Although, it must be said, those acts of Bulger kindness are documented in Boston.

It's just that his criminal resume expanded from robbing banks -- he did nine years in federal prison from 1956 to 1965 -- to alleged mobster activities. He's on the FBI list now for alleged involvement in numerous murders and for his alleged crime-boss activities.

But, as Murphy points out, Bulger is not your garden-variety criminal. For one thing, he's the brother of the former longtime president of the Massachusetts Senate and the University of Massachusetts. As we speak, director Martin Scorsese is in Boston filming a movie called "The Departed," and although not a Bulger biopic, elements of the story line appear to be based on his career, Murphy says.

Oh, I've left out one other detail: From 1971 through 1990, according to Globe reporting from federal court proceedings, Bulger was an FBI informant. For that reason, Murphy says, part of the intrigue surrounding him is whether the FBI really wants to catch him.

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For the record, FBI spokeswomen in Boston and Los Angeles say they have no reason to think Bulger is Orange County's Senior Citizen Bandit. The two offices were in contact with each other, but both noted that it doesn't necessarily mean anything. However, neither office absolutely rules him out, either.

"The senior citizen robber was described as being no less than about 5 feet 10, which causes us to believe it's not Whitey," says Gail Marcinkiewicz, the FBI spokeswoman in Boston. "He tends to be on the shorter side." FBI records have him as 5 feet 7 to 5 feet 9.

However, as Marcinkiewicz noted, there have been past reports of alleged Bulger sightings in Orange County.

Naturally, that just sweetens "Whitey" speculation, courtesy of Bulger expert Shelley Murphy.

"He's a guy known to have been in California in the past," Murphy says. "He certainly loves the ocean, and it's the kind of area where it wouldn't be surprising for him to be hiding."

Bulger, who turns 76 in September, doesn't have distinctive looks, Murphy notes. "Apparently there's this place out there called Leisure World," she says. "People back here have said for years, what better place to hide than some little retirement community where everyone looks like him."

Murphy has provided more than enough to enliven my summer's day. I confess to my guilty longtime interest in holdup men. Her laugh tells me she understands.

In exchange for helping me, Murphy asks only one thing in return. "If they catch him," she says, "be sure and let me know. I'll be on the first plane out."

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Mobster eludes global manhunt

By DENISE LAVOIE, Associated Press

He has been "spotted" all over the United States, in Canada, Europe, Mexico and Brazil, Paraguay, and most recently, in two coastal resort towns in Uruguay.

Despite unconfirmed sightings in about 30 countries and on every continent but Antarctica, notorious Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger remains elusive after more than a decade on the run.

Unfortunately for investigators, most of the hundreds of reported sightings have turned out to be just people who look like Bulger, a balding, 75-year-old man who could blend in almost anywhere.

Last month, a Los Angeles TV station reported that investigators considered the possibility that Bulger could be the "senior citizen bandit" holding up banks in Southern California. That thought struck Boston investigators as comical.

"The proposition that he would be wearing a baseball cap and robbing banks in Los Angeles is just hilarious," said Tom Duffy, a retired Massachusetts State Police major who spent years investigating Bulger.

Bulger, the former leader of the Winter Hill Gang, was also an FBI informant who ratted out his competitors in the Italian Mafia. He disappeared in 1994 after being tipped by his FBI handler, John Connolly, that he was about to be indicted on racketeering charges. Connolly is now serving a 10-year sentence.

Bulger is on the FBI's "Most Wanted" list, has a \$1 million reward on his head and has been featured at least a half dozen times on "America's Most Wanted." Last year, U.S. Attorney Michael Sullivan said investigators had pursued 100 men on five continents in the past year alone. All turned out to be Bulger lookalikes.

Some investigators say his average, non-distinct looks have helped him hide. FBI wanted posters describe Bulger as between 5-foot-7 and 5-foot-9, between 150 and 160 pounds, with a medium build, blue eyes and thinning

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white or silver hair. Investigators believe Bulger is traveling with his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, now 54.

"He can just blend in as a typical grandfather," said Duffy. "If you saw this couple walking down a boardwalk somewhere, they wouldn't stick out. There would be nothing that would draw your attention to them."

Former U.S. Attorney Donald Stern said most of the people who reported seeing Bulger were "well-intentioned," but just mistaken.

"There has been enough publicity about it that it takes on a certain folklore quality so people may see someone with similar looks and think that they've seen him," he said.

"I think the reward also sort of creates some wishful thinking on the part of people -- when they see someone who may bear resemblance and they can attach some dollar signs to that. They may see some things that are not there," Stern said.

Stern said he once believed that he, too, had seen Whitey. Stern was in London, where the FBI reported the last confirmed sighting of Bulger in September 2002. Stern can't remember exactly when it happened, though he said it was after that last confirmed sighting.

He recalls that he was walking to his hotel, which was located not far from a London health club allegedly frequented by Bulger, and "I literally was walking down the street and did a double-take. When I looked more closely, it clearly wasn't him. Your eyes can play tricks on you."

Over the years, some of the sightings and information released about Bulger have bordered on the silly.

In 2001, police in Tulsa, Okla. -- where Bulger was charged in the 1981 murder of a businessman -- put out a wanted poster on its Web site saying Bulger may be hiding out in gay communities or nudist camps. The poster also said Bulger was believed to have "extreme bad breath."

The FBI's poster on Bulger said Bulger would more likely be found in libraries or at historic sites. He was described as an avid reader with an interest in history, and a man who walks on beaches and in parks to stay physically fit. He was also described as an animal lover who might frequent animals shelters.

Investigators believe Bulger had begun to prepare for a life on the run years before he fled. A timeline released by the FBI last year shows that he opened a London bank account under the alias "Thomas Baxter" as early as 1986.

"There is no question he had a horde of money stashed away," Duffy said. "In the early '80s, we know he was

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preparing for the day he had to flee."

Over the years, the FBI's commitment to finding Bulger has been questioned by some who say investigators are worried he would embarrass the agency with additional revelations about the corrupt relationship between the FBI and some of its informants. But the FBI has vehemently denied allegations that it is not doing all it can to find Bulger.

Duffy said Bulger is "highly intelligent" and constantly mobile, a combination that so far has kept him ahead of investigators.

"Let's assume he's over in Europe -- he's not walking around with his Boston Red Sox cap on with a 9 millimeter in his pants," Duffy said. "For all intents and purposes, he's a retired career criminal, and I don't see him doing anything to jeopardize that situation."

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FBI turns to TV to find Whitey Bulger's girlfriend
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Associated Press

BOSTON_FBI agents on the trail of James "Whitey" Bulger are turning to TV ads aimed at women and hoping to exploit his longtime girlfriend's vanity as they try to bring the fugitive Boston mob boss to justice after 16 years on the run.

The FBI on Monday announced a new publicity campaign and accompanying public service ad that asks people, particularly women, to be on the lookout for Catherine Greig.

She and Bulger have been on the run since 1995 and are thought to still be traveling together. Bulger is wanted in connection to 19 murders while Greig is accused of harboring a fugitive.

The 30-second ad is scheduled to start running Tuesday in 14 television markets to which Bulger may have ties and will air during programs popular with women roughly Greig's age.

"We are trying to reach a different audience that will produce new leads in the case," said agent Richard Teahan, who has been tracking Bulger since 2006. "Greig has certain habits, characteristics, and idiosyncrasies that are recognizable, and we think the public might naturally notice these things."

The new campaign points out that Greig had several plastic surgeries before going on the lam and was known to frequent beauty salons.

It notes that Greig, a former dental hygienist who is 5-foot-6, blue-eyed and blond, had impeccable oral hygiene and perfect teeth as a result of monthly visits to the dentist. It also notes that she, like Bulger, is an animal lover and mentions that she has used the aliases Helen Marshal and Carol Shapeton.

The public service announcement also stresses the age difference between the two. Bulger is now 81. Greig is 60.

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The FBI already had taken out ads in publications aimed at dentists and plastic surgeons.

"The next logical step was to profile her on a national scope," Teahan said.

The FBI is hoping that a patron or employee of a dental office, hospital, manicurist, beauty salon or other business remembers seeing Greig.

The FBI also doubled the reward leading to Greig's capture to \$100,000. The reward for the capture of Bulger, who is on the FBI's most wanted list, is \$2 million.

Bulger was the leader of the Winter Hill Gang when he fled in January 1995 after being tipped by a former Boston FBI agent that he was about to be indicted. Bulger was a top FBI informant.

The FBI has pursued Bulger around the world. The history buff and avid reader is believed to have traveled in France, Ireland, the United Kingdom, Spain and Canada while on the run. The last credible sighting of the couple was in London in 2002.

The current campaign focusing on Greig will be extended internationally, Teahan said.

Despite his age, the FBI said Bulger is still considered dangerous because of his violent temper and is known to carry a knife.

"It is important for the FBI to bring Bulger to justice, and Catherine Greig can lead us to him," Teahan said.

The ads will be shown in Albuquerque, N.M.; Biloxi, Miss.; Boston; Chicago; Fort Myers, Fla.; Miami; Milwaukee; Mobile, Ala.; New Orleans; Phoenix; San Diego; San Francisco; Tampa, Fla.; and Tucson, Ariz.

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Court documents shed light on Bulger travels

BOSTON Newly-unsealed court documents detail some of the early travels of James "Whitey" Bulger and his longtime girlfriend Catherine Greig following Bulger's 1995 indictment.

In an affidavit dated April 25, 1997, then-FBI Special Agent Charles Gianturco writes that Bulger and Greig spent time in New York on Long Island and in Grand Isle, La., in 1995 and 1996.

According to the affidavit, Bulger and Greig checked into a hotel under the names "Mr. and Mrs. Tom Baxter" in the fall of 1995, and that Bulger had also used that name when he befriended a man in neighboring Selden told him he was a merchant seaman.

The criminal complaint against Grieg was unsealed Thursday in Boston following the arrests of Bulger and Grieg in Santa Monica, Calif. It charges Greig with harboring and concealing Bulger.

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CRIME BOSS HELD IN L.A.

James 'Whitey' Bulger, sought in 19 slayings, fled arrest in Boston in 1994.

Robert J. Lopez

Legendary Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger, who has been on the run for more than 15 years, was arrested Wednesday in Santa Monica, multiple law enforcement sources told The Times.

Bulger, 81, fled Boston in late 1994 as federal agents were about to arrest him in connection with at least 19 killings, racketeering and other crimes that spanned the early 1970s to the mid-1980s. He headed an organized crime group that allegedly controlled extortion, drug deals and other illegal activities in the Boston area.

His companion, Catherine Elizabeth Greig, 60, was also arrested.

The FBI initially declined to confirm Bulger's arrest when contacted by The Times but later issued a statement saying he and Greig were in custody and scheduled to appear Thursday in federal court in downtown Los Angeles. Bulger had been on the FBI's 10 most wanted fugitive list, and the agency had offered a \$2-million reward for his arrest.

FBI agents took the two into custody without incident at a home after authorities received a tip, according to the sources, who asked not to be named because they were not authorized to speak on the matter. Other details surrounding his arrest were unclear Wednesday night.

The arrests came as the FBI launched a media campaign in 14 cities to help determine Bulger's whereabouts. Los Angeles was not one of the cities.

Bulger was believed to have been traveling with Greig for the last several years, according to the FBI. Petite with blue eyes, Greig was a dental hygienist by occupation. Authorities say she dyed her hair to disguise her appearance. The media campaign was aimed at women in their 60s, the same demographic as Greig, in hopes of

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developing leads.

Authorities said Bulger initially fled after being tipped by John Connolly Jr., an FBI agent who used Bulger as an informant. Connolly was convicted of racketeering in May 2002 for protecting Bulger and another reputed crime boss and FBI informant, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi.

Bulger was the subject of several books and helped inspire "The Departed," the 2006 Martin Scorsese film starring Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Jack Nicholson, who played a Bulger-like character.

In 2000, an unconfirmed sighting of Bulger was reported in Orange County. A man told authorities he believed he saw Bulger outside a Fountain Valley hair salon where a woman who may been Greig was having her hair done.

The last credible sighting of him was in London in 2002, the FBI said. He was believed to have altered his appearance and traveled extensively through Europe, Mexico, Canada and the United States.

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PHOTO: WANTED: James "Whitey" Bulger has been on the run for years.

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ON-THE-LAM GANGSTER ARRESTED IN SOCAL

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James "Whitey" Bulger, a notorious Boston gangster on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" list for his alleged role in 19 murders, was captured Wednesday near Los Angeles after living on the run for 16 years, authorities said.

Bulger, 81, was arrested in the early evening at a residence in Santa Monica, said a law enforcement official who was not authorized to speak publicly about the case. The arrest was based on a tip from the recent publicity campaign that federal authorities had regenerated, according to the official.

Bulger will make an appearance in Los Angeles federal court Thursday. He faces a series of federal charges including murder, conspiracy to commit murder, narcotics distribution, extortion and money laundering.

The FBI informed Santa Monica police late Wednesday about the arrest, said police Sgt. Rudy Flores. The FBI had been conducting a surveillance operation in the area where the arrest was made, Flores said. He gave no details of the arrest.

Bulger, 81, was the leader of the Winter Hill Gang when he fled in January 1995 after being tipped by a former Boston FBI agent that he was about to be indicted. Bulger was a top-echelon FBI informant.

Through the years, the FBI battled a public perception that it had not tried very hard to find Bulger, who became a huge source of embarrassment for the agency after the extent of his crimes and the FBI's role in overlooking them became public.

Prosecutors said he went on the run after being warned by John Connolly Jr., an FBI agent who had made Bulger an FBI informant 20 years earlier. Connolly was convicted of racketeering in May 2002 for protecting Bulger and his cohort, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, also an FBI informant.

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During his years on the run, the FBI received reported sightings of Bulger and his longtime girlfriend, Catherine Greig, from all over the United States and parts of Europe. In many of those sightings, investigators could not confirm whether it was actually Bulger who was spotted or simply a lookalike.

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A savvy, feared fugitive is found frail and paranoid
After 16 years on the run, Whitey Bulger is taken without a fight.

Scott Gold

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James "Whitey" Bulger's image seemed set in stone. He was a Boston "Southie," a street punk who climbed out of the projects on a ladder of crime -- petty larceny, then burglary, then bank robbery, then at least 21 murders, according to authorities, one in which a man standing in a phone booth was shot so many times his torso was nearly severed from his legs.

Savvy and feared, Bulger seized control of a mob empire, running rackets, shakedowns and drug deals over 40 years, officials say, before fleeing Boston in December 1994 on the eve of a federal indictment.

While the feds chased leads for 16 years in 19 countries, Bulger supposedly stashed fake passports and bank accounts across the Western world. Even as he rose to No. 2 on the most-wanted list, right behind Osama bin Laden, he appeared to be living as an untouchable bon vivant. He was reportedly seen at a banquet in Washington wearing a smart white suit with a red pocket square, and sighted strolling through a \$500-a-night hotel in London's Piccadilly Circus.

But soon after Bulger was lured out of a Santa Monica apartment on Wednesday and arrested at long last, it became clear that the reputed mobster was an old and ailing man living a quiet life. The end did not come in a hail of gunfire, as he'd once predicted, but in a cloud of frail confusion.

Bulger quickly conceded to authorities that he was Whitey Bulger -- not Charles Gasko, as everyone knew him -- but he seemed addled, befuddled by all the commotion. Informed that he was under arrest, he managed to muster a final act of defiance, refusing an order to lie on the ground so that he could be handcuffed.

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His apartment was a half a mile from the ocean at 1012 3rd St. But it was rent-controlled, perhaps 800 square feet, and faced the other direction, toward a truck rental shop and a nursing home. An exit sign cast a green hue over his door, and the dim overhead lights in the hall emitted a constant hum.

Most days, other residents said, he was cloistered inside apartment 303 -- where he hoarded 30 guns and about \$800,000 in cash, sources said. When he ventured out, he still put on an elegant jacket. But he'd turned 81 in September, and his mind appeared to be descending into dementia and paranoid rage, residents said. When his younger, gregarious girlfriend smiled and greeted neighbors, he'd begun barking at her: "Shut up! Don't talk!"

"She was living with hell," neighbor Barbara Gluck, who lived across the hall, told the Los Angeles Times on Thursday. "She was caretaking a crazy man."

On Thursday, Bulger and his longtime companion, Catherine Elizabeth Greig, made brief appearances in federal court in Los Angeles.

Bulger was wearing glasses and was dressed in a white, loose-fitting shirt; the remnants of his white hair formed a fringe around his balding head, and he had a white mustache and beard. He clutched a thick stack of documents. Asked by U.S. Magistrate Judge John E. McDermott if he had been advised of the charges filed against him, Bulger replied: "I got 'em all here. It'll take me quite a while to finish these."

Then he added: "I know them all anyways."

Bulger faces federal racketeering charges in connection with murder, conspiracy to commit murder, drug-dealing, extortion and money laundering, officials said. He will also face state murder charges in Florida and in Oklahoma, where he has long been wanted in connection with the slayings of two businessmen. Both states have indicated that they are exploring the possibility of seeking the death penalty; the federal charges would not carry the possibility of a death sentence.

"Bulger's criminal activities have been marked by the corpses his killers and associates have left behind in car trunks and alleyways," said Katherine Fernandez Rundle, state attorney for Miami-Dade County in Florida.

Bulger and Greig did not contest the federal government's decision to hold them without bail. They are expected to be flown to Boston soon, where their arrest has captivated the city and brought a sense of satisfaction to many of those victimized.

"I never thought they'd capture him alive or in the country," said Michael Donahue, 42, who was 13 in 1982, when his father was gunned down, allegedly by Bulger.

The elder Michael Donahue had agreed to give a man a ride home from a bar. The man turned out to be an FBI

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informant; Bulger and an accomplice were waiting outside, and Donahue was killed along with the informant, authorities said.

Greig, 60, has not been connected directly to Bulger's alleged crimes; she will face a federal charge of harboring a fugitive. That charge carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison, but federal officials suggested Thursday that they will review her case to determine whether they can bring any additional charges against her.

The manhunt for Bulger resulted in scores of tips over the years, none of which bore fruit. Then on Monday, the FBI launched an unusual media blitz to find the couple -- this time, aimed not at him, but at his companion.

At the Princess Eugenia apartment building in Santa Monica, Catherine Greig -- known by the alias Carol Gasko -- was thought to be far friendlier than Bulger.

She often picked up magazines and small packages that had been left below the apartment building's mailboxes because they didn't fit through the slots, and she hand-delivered them to neighbors. When she learned that her neighbor Gluck went to a weekly organic produce sale, Greig started tagging along.

When Bulger would snap at her for talking to neighbors, Greig would subtly roll her eyes. "I worried about her," Gluck said. "It was very mysterious to me what she was doing with him." Greig confided quietly to Gluck that her partner had dementia.

Greig also had an extensive beauty regimen, which authorities suggest may have been the couple's undoing. A former dental hygienist, she reportedly underwent monthly teeth-whitening sessions and regularly got her hair done, sometimes bringing in her own dye if she found a particular shade she fancied. Authorities also speculated that she had undergone a number of plastic surgery procedures.

The FBI began airing 350 public service announcements on daytime television shows, such as "Dr. Oz" -- shows that appeal to women who might have come across Greig during her beauty appointments. The ploy appears to have worked; a day after the ads began, a tip came in.

"We were trying to reach a different audience to produce new leads," said Richard Teahan, a special agent in the FBI's Boston office who led a task force that searched for Bulger around the world. "We believed that locating Greig would lead us to Bulger. And that's exactly what happened."

A surveillance team moved in Wednesday afternoon and spotted the couple a short time later.

Soon, a neighbor said, the authorities swarmed the building. "They were everywhere," she said.

Inside apartment 303, authorities discovered the cash, a pair of shotguns and a slew of handguns, some re-

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portedly inside hollowed-out books, sources said.

While Bulger cursed the law enforcement agents out front, FBI agents led a visibly upset Greig out through the back -- gingerly, and without handcuffs, neighbors said.

James Joseph Bulger, nicknamed for his mane of blond hair, was raised in poverty, the oldest son of a one-armed longshoreman and laborer. His first arrest came at 14, around the time he hooked up with a juvenile street gang. As an adult, he made periodic nods at going straight, briefly joining the military, where he landed in the brig, and working for a spell as a janitor. But it never took.

"He wasn't a real good kid," said John Baker, 84, who grew up in the Dorchester neighborhood, a block away from the house where the Bulgers lived before moving to nearby South Boston.

Bulger reportedly started hijacking delivery trucks in the 1950s and then did a nine-year prison term for a bank robbery, a portion of which he served at Alcatraz after allegedly plotting an escape from custody. After his release, he joined the Winter Hill Gang, the most powerful gang in South Boston. In the 1970s, an arrest at the top of the gang provided an opening. Bulger seized control and became the most notorious gangster in Boston, according to authorities.

Adding to the Bulger mythology was the stark contrast between him and one of his younger brothers, William Bulger, who had become one of the most powerful politicians in Massachusetts. William Bulger served a record 18 years as the president of the state Senate and served for seven years as the president of the University of Massachusetts. He was later forced out, largely because of his brother.

William Bulger testified that he had been "naive" about the activities of the mob in Boston.

About the same time Bulger allegedly reached the top of the Winter Hill Gang, he and one of his chief allies, Stephen "The Rifleman" Flemmi, were recruited to become FBI informants against other mobsters.

That secretive relationship would become alarmingly cozy over the years -- and would become a headache and embarrassment for the government.

Indeed, Bulger's life on the run began after he was tipped off to his pending indictment by FBI Agent John J. "Zip" Connolly Jr., who was later imprisoned himself.

Over the years, government agencies had looked for the couple in Iowa, in Uruguay and even at a ceremony marking an anniversary of the Battle of Normandy -- Bulger is a military history buff. It turned out they'd been living in apartment 303 for virtually the entire time, paying \$1,145 in rent each month, always on time and always in cash.

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Mobster's alleged hit list

James "Whitey" Bulger is believed to have been involved in the following killings, according to federal indictments:

March and April 1973: Michael Milano, Al Plummer, William O'Brien, James Leary and Joseph Notorangeli, members of a rival gang led by Al Notorangeli

December 1973: James O'Toole, former associate of the Charlestown, Mass.-based McLaughlin gang

February 1974: Al Notorangeli, leader of a rival gang

October 1974: James Sousa, criminal associate in a botched robbery and a potential witness

November 1974: Paul McGonagle, member of the Mullins gang and an opponent for control of South Boston

June 1975: Edward Connors, potential witness in the O'Toole slaying

November 1975: Thomas King, member of Bulger's gang who was viewed as a threat to Bulger and others, and Francis "Buddy" Leonard, who was killed to divert attention from King's disappearance

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December 1976: Richard Castucci, FBI informant

May 1981: Roger Wheeler, owner of the gambling operation World Jai Alai in Tulsa, Okla.

Late 1981: Debra Davis, girlfriend of Bulger associate Stephen Flemmi, who was viewed as a threat

May 1982: Brian Halloran, FBI informant on the Wheeler killing, and Michael Donahue, who was riding in the car with Halloran

August 1982: John B. Callahan, former president of World Jai Alai who could implicate Bulger in Wheeler's death

July 1983: Arthur "Bucky" Barrett, alleged safecracker and bank robber whom Bulger targeted for extortion

November 1984: John McIntyre, who was cooperating with law enforcement on the gang's involvement in shipments of arms and ammunition to the Irish Republican Army

Early 1985: Deborah Hussey, Flemmi's stepdaughter

Source: Compiled by Times staff writer Victoria Kim

PHOTO: APT. 303: Bob Bernard photographs Bulger's apartment, where the FBI found several guns and a stash of cash. A Boston native, Bernard was shocked to learn he had been living a block away from the crime boss.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Genaro Molina Los Angeles Times

PHOTO: MOST WANTED: James "Whitey" Bulger, 81, and Catherine Greig, 60, are shown in a booking photo.

PHOTOGRAPHER: WCVB-TV

GRAPHIC: MAP: Bulger's residence

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PHOTO: MANHUNT ENDS: FBI agents take boxes of evidence Thursday morning from the Santa Monica apartment building where Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger was arrested. He had been on the run since

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The lure of those on the lam

TIM RUTTEN

Opinion piece

I'm sure I'm not the only person who entertained a momentary twinge of regret Wednesday night when I heard that James (Whitey) Bulger, the legendary South Boston gangster, had been apprehended after 16 years on the run. There's something about the fugitive experience that holds our lawless imaginations in thrall, and with a capture of this sort, a dim candle gutters out somewhere in our private romantic firmaments.

It's a momentary experience for the sensible and the moderately mature, because there's absolutely nothing about Whitey Bulger even vaguely romantic or slightly sympathetic. Murder for hire, loan sharking and extortion were the pillars of his career. There's nothing clever or amusing about those lines of work; they're up-close-and-personal sorts of crimes that attract sadists and sociopaths, and there's more than ample evidence that Bulger is both.

Knowing that, why the vague stirring of remorse over his capture -- let alone the calls reportedly coming into some Boston talk shows in which listeners wonder whether Whitey could have been all that bad or repeat hand-me-down stories of his purported kindnesses to those he didn't victimize?

The romantic notion of the fugitive runs deep and old in Western culture. Robin Hood may be its first expression, and it's fascinating to note that the longer a fugitive eludes the authorities, the more likely it is that stories of his "Robinesque" attributes will attach themselves like narrative barnacles to his story. It isn't the individual and actual fugitives who are admired but the vicarious and exhilarating fantasy -- however momentary -- of a life lived beyond the reach of authority.

It's fascinating, moreover, to see how this undercurrent of sympathy persists in the face of what seems to be inevitably deflating reality. Bulger, for example, was said to have prepared for life on the lam by frequent trips to learn the cultures of other countries, salting false passports and cash in countries around the world. As the years

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went by, he was "spotted" in Dublin, walking through the lobby of an elegant London hotel and attired in an impeccable suit in Washington. For years the FBI reported that its last "credible" sighting had him in London in 2002.

We know now that shortly after fleeing Boston with his companion, Catherine Greig, the pair settled in a slightly shabby rent-controlled apartment a few blocks from the beach in Santa Monica. Bulger, now 81, took walks in the nearby park, trailed after Catherine on her trips to the local farmers market and reportedly spent most of his time lying on the couch watching television as he slipped more deeply into senile dementia.

It's hard, in fact, not to be struck by the similarity to that "other" fugitive recently brought to well-deserved justice -- Osama bin Laden. For years, we were told -- and his legions of admirers wanted to believe -- that the "emir" was eluding the combined might of the Western powers, riding a white horse through mountain passes and taking his night's rest in remote caves in Pakistan's tribal highlands.

As it turns out, he was -- like Bulger -- hiding in what amounted to prosaic plain sight: in a shabby walled compound whose inhabitants reportedly subsisted on what vegetables they could scratch from their little garden and a weekly goat delivered from outside. Bin Laden, at the end, was a bent old man, sitting shrouded in a blanket with a TV remote control, watching recordings of himself.

The other deflating reality has to do with the fantasy of pursuit. We all carry a film model in our minds of an all-knowing, always active authority that tracks fugitives like Bulger and Bin Laden.

In fact, those efforts are sometimes far less fearsome than they seem. As former FBI official Robert Wittman told The Times' Jason Felch this week: "There was an entire squad in the Boston FBI office called the Whitey Bulger squad. They spent 20 years looking for him all over the world, spending hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to find him. The whole time he was in California." Bin Laden was a quick walk from a Pakistani military academy.

None of the sensible among us entertains the least sympathy for murderous thugs like Bulger, let alone a creature like Bin Laden; it's the fantasy of the fugitive life that resonates.

Is there anyone, after all, who somewhere in the anarchic corner of his heart doesn't hope that D.B. Cooper has found contentment on some gentle beach?

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Herhold: Bay Area sidelights to Bulger drama

Scott Herhold Mercury News Columnist

When Boston mobster James "Whitey" Bulger was captured in Santa Monica last week, one law enforcement official remarked that it wasn't viewed as a big deal in California. In Boston, it was the local version of bringing Osama bin Laden to justice.

The contrast speaks to the way we live. In the suburban quilt of California, the tribal passions that made Bulger such a recognizable figure in Boston don't thrive. A man on the lam could exist in Santa Monica because the state promises refuge to the rootless.

But Bulger, 81, was the most famous wanted man in America, an Irish gang leader accused of committing murder and more while informing for a crooked FBI bureau. And a piece of his story played out in the Bay Area.

Sentenced to federal prison in 1956 for armed robbery and hijacking, Bulger was sent to Alcatraz in 1959, after being suspected of aiding an escape. There he became a good friend of inmate Clarence Carnes, known as "the Choctaw Kid."

Two years older than Bulger, Carnes had been involved in the infamous 1946 Battle of Alcatraz, an inmate uprising that resulted in the deaths of two guards and three prisoners. He had been given a 99-year sentence for his role when he met Bulger.

Alcatraz left an indelible mark. Bulger vowed never to go back to prison. After Carnes died in 1988 at a Missouri hospital for federal prisoners, Bulger reportedly rented a Lincoln Continental and took the Choctaw Kid's body home to Oklahoma in a \$4,000 bronze casket.

Later, according to the book "Black Mass," by Dick Lehr and Gerard O'Neill, Bulger was released from Alcatraz in late 1962, but he proudly wore an Alcatraz belt buckle given to him by an FBI agent who felt in Bulger's debt.

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Bulger kept his old letters from Alcatraz in a safe hidden in the wall of a girlfriend's house.

(To those who consider Alcatraz just the historical ruin on the rock, the place for a visit with relatives, it's worth remembering that Bulger has been around long enough to count as an alumni).

There were other Northern California threads to the Bulger tapestry: In 1979, Bulger and his partner, Stephen Flemmi, narrowly escaped indictment in a horse race-fixing scandal based on information that a confederate, Anthony "Fat Tony" Ciulla, gave federal agents in a Sacramento debriefing.

Sgt. Bob Long, one of the uncorrupted Massachusetts state troopers who organized a surveillance operation against Bulger's garage on Lancaster Street in Boston, was an athlete who graduated from City College of San Francisco in 1967.

And the 1976 San Francisco assassination of Joseph "The Animal" Barboza, an underworld hit man and government witness, played a role in the Bulger myth. Bulger's handler at the FBI, John J. Connolly, bragged that Bulger helped solve the case. Writers Lehr and O'Neill say a suspect's name already had surfaced.

Of course, these are only sidelights to the real Bulger drama, which unfolded in Boston as Whitey's younger brother, Bill, became one of the most powerful politicians in the state.

But don't let it be said that California had no piece of the dramatic endgame. Not only did Santa Monica host Bulger and his girlfriend, Catherine Greig, for 15 years. When the FBI announced the capture, it used the services of a San Francisco company: Twitter.

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Walls yielded a stash of cash
FBI documents also say reputed mobster living in Santa Monica told of traveling freely.

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Reputed mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger kept hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash hidden behind the walls of his Santa Monica apartment and told authorities he frequently traveled -- sometimes in disguise and armed -- to Boston, Las Vegas, San Diego and Mexico, court documents filed Monday show.

The new details about how Bulger and his longtime companion, Catherine Greig, managed to live undetected in Santa Monica for 16 years are contained in a five-page document filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts in connection with Bulger's request for a government-paid defense attorney.

When FBI agents arrested Bulger on Wednesday, they found \$822,198 inside the apartment, "much of it in packages containing \$100 bills that were bundled together and hidden inside a wall in the apartment," the records said. Federal prosecutors wrote that the money allowed Bulger and Greig to have a "relatively comfortable lifestyle."

But perhaps the most intriguing information to emerge from the documents was Bulger's statements to federal agents Friday while he was on a small jet flying to Boston to face arraignment.

Bulger told federal agents he went to Las Vegas, where he claimed "he won more than he lost" during "numerous occasions to play the slots."

He also discussed traveling to Boston several times in disguise and "armed to the teeth" because he "had to take care of some unfinished business," the document said. He did not offer additional details about who he visited or when and whether he traveled alone.

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Closer to home, Bulger said to authorities that he traveled to San Diego and then crossed the border into Tijuana, Mexico, "to purchase medicines."

Bulger also admitted that he "previously stashed money with people he trusted," but did not say if anyone was hiding assets for him.

The U.S. attorney's office in Boston would not directly comment on Bulger's statements.

Laura Rimiller, a spokeswoman for the FBI in Los Angeles, stressed that the investigation into Bulger's activities in Santa Monica is continuing and that officials are trying to verify his accounts.

The FBI's statements about Bulger's travels raise additional questions about why it took so long to capture him when he appears to have been living in the open.

Brian Jenkins, a top analyst at the RAND Corp. and one of the nation's leading national security experts, said Monday that the apparent ability of the notorious mobster to slip back and forth across the border showed that he was able to move around without attracting attention to himself.

"They're really not there checking every single document," Jenkins said.

"An 80-year guy from Santa Monica, they are going to just wave through," Jenkins said. "How many people drive down to Tijuana from Southern California to get medication. We are talking hundreds of thousands."

Officials with the U.S. Border Patrol would not immediately comment other than to say they were looking into the issue. In 2009, Border Patrol agents began requiring identification other than a driver's license, such as a passport, to cross the border.

Bulger, 81, is allegedly responsible for numerous crimes, including 19 killings, and faces two separate federal indictments, one from 1995 and the other from 1999.

While on the lam, Bulger and Greig went by the names Charles and Carol Gasko.

The FBI said Thursday that agents recovered false identification at Bulger's Santa Monica apartment but did not discuss what kind of documents were found.

The court filing did not say how Bulger traveled. But even if he went by plane, Jenkins said, Bulger did not fit the model of the kind of person who raises suspicions and so he may have been able to easily get past checks on domestic airlines.

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"If it is a valid driver's license with his new name, he would be flying with a legitimate document," Jenkins said. "The document is legitimate; the person is an invention."

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PHOTO: CAPTURED: Agents found \$822,198 in Whitey Bulger's apartment.

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PHOTO: EVIDENCE: FBI agents carry out bags and cases of evidence Thursday morning from the apartment building in Santa Monica where Boston crime boss James "Whitey" Bulger was arrested Wednesday night.

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